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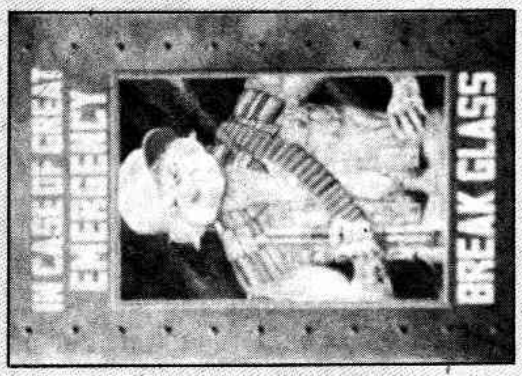

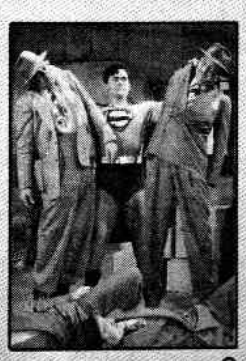

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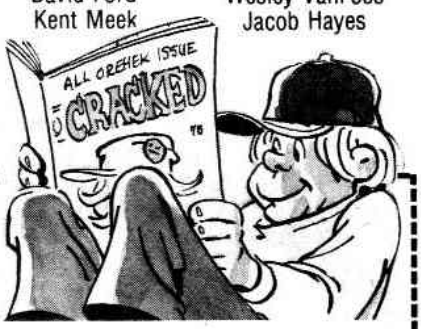

Hey CRACKED READERS— Here's your chance to be an Official CRACKED Reporter. Let us know your 3 favorite TV shows and win a chance of possibly having your name appear in a future issue of CRACKED.

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Dear CRACKED,
After reading CRACKED #204, I was physically exhausted. Between THE CRACKED GUIDE TO BASKETBALL, the interview with THE OLYMPIC TRAINING KING and THE GARY COLEMAN WORKOUT BOOK, you really gave my eyeballs a workout.

Glen Irons
Denver, CO

Dear Glen,
And if you'd like to see how STRONG they got from all that exercise, we suggest you try testing them on the EYE CHART in the same issue.

Dear CRACKED,
I couldn't believe last issue was the 204th for CRACKED. I've been reading you for the longest time, but the earliest issue I have is #91. Think anyone actually still owns the issues before that?

Mike Smilden
Newport, RI

How about it gang! If you have a really REALLY early issue of CRACKED, how about letting Mike and us know.

Dear CRACKED,
Thanks a lot for printing CAT GIFTS FOR CATS WHO HAVE EVERYTHING! My cat saw the article and she wants half the things you showed. Now I have to figure out where I can find these items.

Don Steeves
Taylor Ridge, IL

Dear Don,
Easy. They're available in any CATalog.

Dear CRACKED,
What a prize you guys offered in CRACKED #204 . . . the original front cover art from that issue. You don't know how I'd LOVE to see a Severin painting hanging in my room.

Keith Slupski
Stafford, VA

Hey CRACKED Readers,
If you'd like a chance to win that cover painting from CRACKED, there's still time to enter. Details are in issue #204.

Dear CRACKED,
Liked DON'T YOU HATE IT AT THE MOVIES WHEN, but there's one you missed. Namely, when they charge you the adult price (because you're over 12), but make you sit in the children's section (because you're under 18)! You can't win!

Brent Penmatcha
Rena, NV

Dear Brent,
Oh yes you can. Just enter the contest in CRACKED #204. Anyone can win!

Dear CRACKED,
So when are you going to do a satire on my favorite TV shows? I'm still waiting.

Brian Ricaglianto
Arlington, VA

Dear Brian,
And you'll probably keep waiting until you remember to tell us what it is. And speaking of telling us, we'd love to hear from all of you out there about what your 3 favorite shows are. Cut out the coupon on this page and send it in.

Dear CRACKED,
What does the UPC symbol on the front of your magazine stand for? Is it an endorsement of some type?

Calvin Russell
Indianapolis, IN

Dear Calvin,
Right! It means *U*mpires *P*ick *C*racked 2 to 1 over any other magazine in the country.

Dear CRACKED,
I think HOLD-UPS are a very clever idea. I'd like to see more.

Cassie Irvington
Lansing, Mich.

Dear Cassie,
It seems a lot of people agree with you—except the police.

Dear CRACKED,
Michael Jackson is one of the biggest

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stars in rock and yet not once has his name appeared in CRACKED! Shame!

Rufus Morton
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Rufus,
That's not true! Why his name is in this very issue. And if you want proof, just look at your letter above.

Dear CRACKED,
THE GARY COLEMAN WORKOUT BOOK proved one thing to me—that humor in this country is in GREAT SHAPE thanks to CRACKED.

Walter Lakling
South Bend, Ind.

Dear Walter,
Stick with us and we'll keep on exercising your funny bone!

Dear CRACKED,
Thanks so much for doing MAGNUM P.I. One question though. What made you call TC, Tee Hee?

Ben Blentene
Stamford, Conn.

Dear Ben,
Everytime we said it, TEE HEE made us laugh!

Dear CRACKED,
Your back cover GREAT MOMENTS IN SWIMMING was such a great gag. What could possibly follow that?

Frank Aiese
Alberta, Canada

Dear Frank,
Nothing. That's why it was the BACK cover.

Dear CRACKED,
They say that one picture is worth a thousand words, but THE CRACKED LENS proves that one picture is actually worth 1000 laughs.

Anthony Anon
Kansas City

Dear Anthony,
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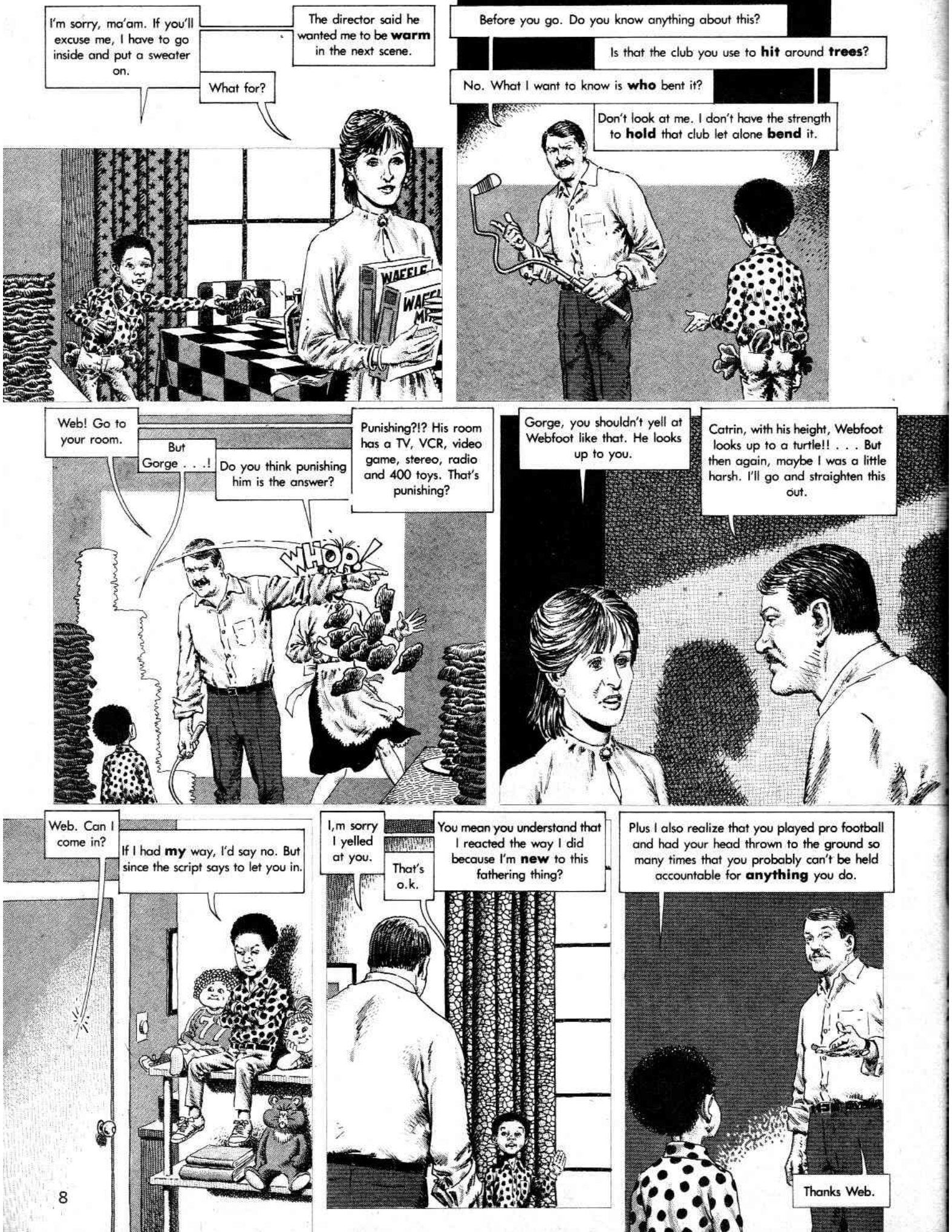
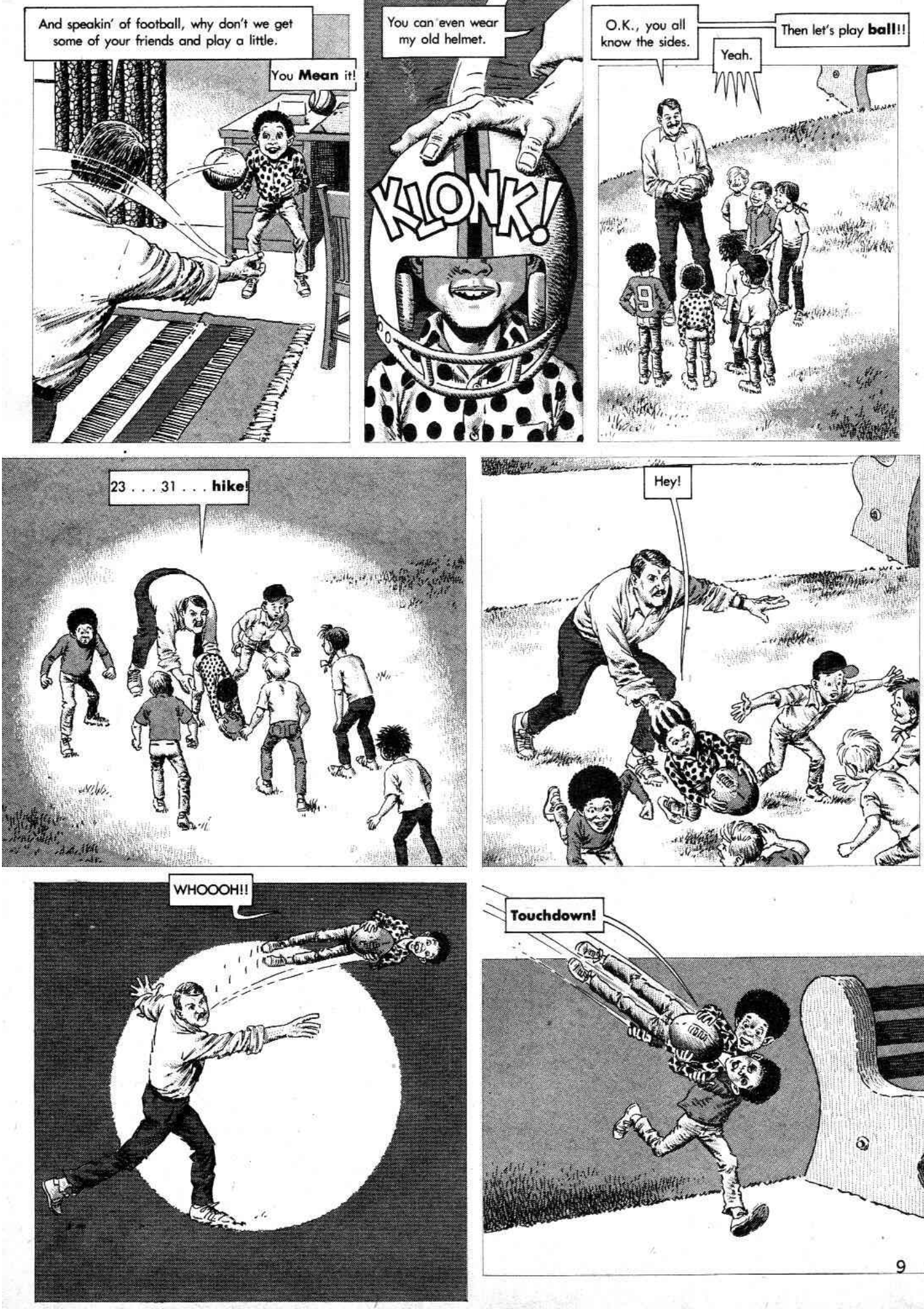
As you can see, the show starts out with a pretty big laugh. But somehow, each week this comedy about an adopted boy, his new mother (who is learning how to cook and clean) and his sportscaster father, ends up turning all warm and mushy as it tries to teach a lesson. Now, there's nothing wrong with that, it's just that it happens *every week!!* But then we guess the show could be a lot worse like, for example (insert the name of your least favorite show here) instead of being halfway entertaining like

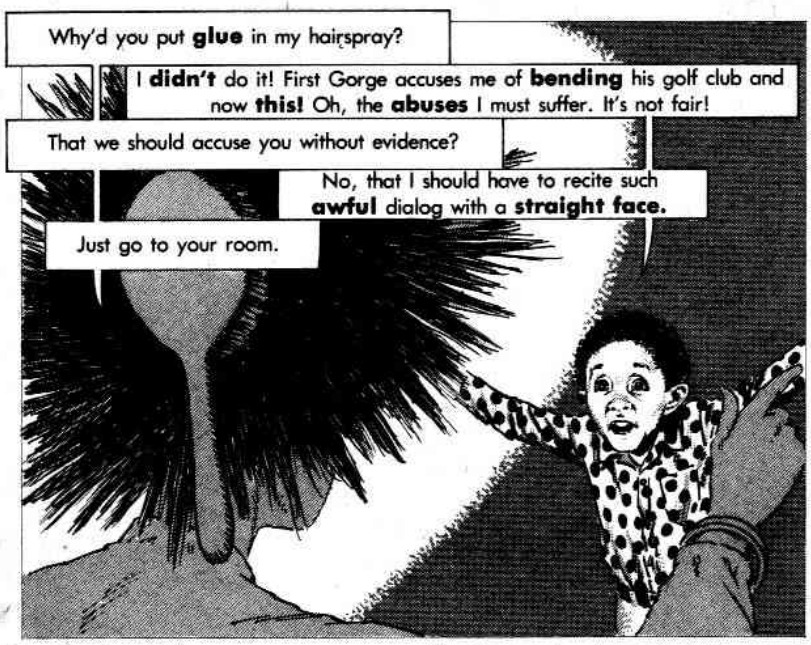
WEBFOOT

Here. Why not try some of my waffles. They're the **best** I've **ever** made.
You've **never** made waffles before.
That's why I can say they're the best I've ever made.
Hey! What happened to all the **little dents** they're supposed to have?
We don't own a waffle iron, so I had to make them with **this** instead.
Morning everybody. What's for breakfast?
Indigestion as usual.
BLESS THIS FOOD AND ALL WHO ATTEMPT TO EAT IT!
Hey, Web. Don't talk with your mouth full. I can hardly understand you.
But, Gorge! I'm not eating **anything.** This is the way I talk.
Oh, right. I forgot they gave the lead of this show to a kid who talks like a chipmunk.
That may be so, but at least I can act.
Now, boys. Stop arguing and eat.
If you don't mind, I'd rather keep arguing. It's a lot **easier** on my **stomach.**
Thanks a **lot!**


I'm sorry, ma'am. If you'll excuse me, I have to go inside and put a sweater on.
The director said he wanted me to be **warm** in the next scene.
What for?
Before you go. Do you know anything about this?
Is that the club you use to **hit** around **trees**?
No. What I want to know is **who** bent it?
Don't look at me. I don't have the strength to **hold** that club let alone **bend** it.
Web! Go to your room.
But Gorge . . .!
Do you think punishing him is the answer?
Punishing?!? His room has a TV, VCR, video game, stereo, radio and 400 toys. That's punishing?
WHOP!
Gorge, you shouldn't yell at Webfoot like that. He looks up to you.
Catrin, with his height, Webfoot looks up to a turtle!! . . . But then again, maybe I was a little harsh. I'll go and straighten this out.
Web. Can I come in?
If I had **my** way, I'd say no. But since the script says to let you in.
I,m sorry I yelled at you.
That's o.k.
You mean you understand that I reacted the way I did because I'm **new** to this fathering thing?
Plus I also realize that you played pro football and had your head thrown to the ground so many times that you probably can't be held accountable for **anything** you do.
Thanks Web.

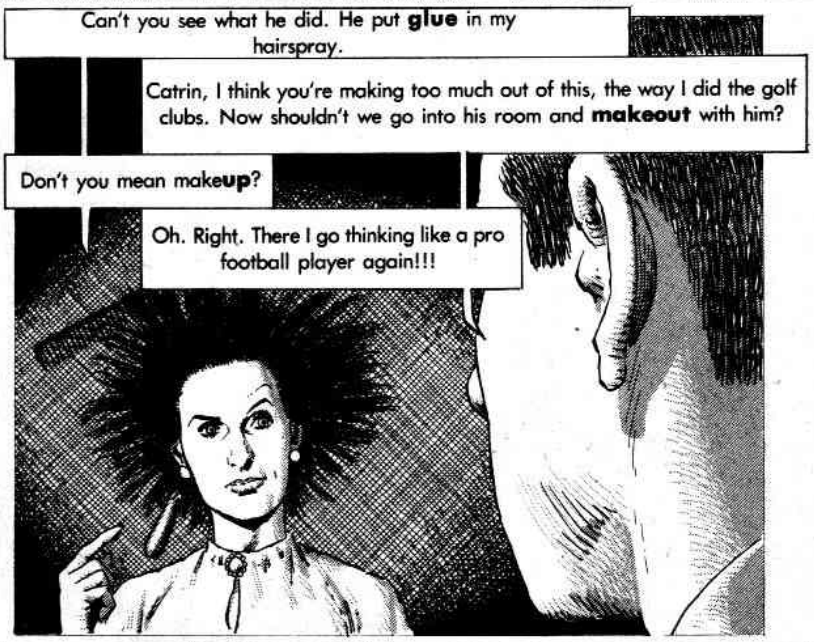

And speakin' of football, why don't we get some of your friends and play a little.
You **Mean** it!
You can even wear my old helmet.
KLONK!
O.K., you all know the sides.
Then let's play **ball**!!
Yeah.
23 . . . 31 . . . **hike!**
Hey!
WHOOOH!!
Touchdown!

What's the big idea Gorge!
I mistook you for the ball, Web. I'm sorry. But you gotta admit, you **are** about the same size and color.
THOK!
Gorge? Is that you?
No, it's me!
Oh. Did you come home for lunch?
Lunch! Forget it! I've endured enough **punishment** for one day!
Aren't you hungry?
For Burger King, yeah. For **your** cooking, no!
Like the way I snuck a plug in for that fast food place I'm spokesman for?
Anyway, I want to talk to you.
Why do you have the towel wrapped around your head? You plannin' to raise **bees** inside?
I'm wearing it because of **this!**
New hairdo?
No it's **not** a new hairdo! **Somebody** put **glue** in my can of hairspray!
I was spraying my hair while I was teasing it and...
Didn't you tell me it wasn't **nice** to **tease** things?
Not **people,** Webfoot! Hair is o.k. And you're changing the subject.

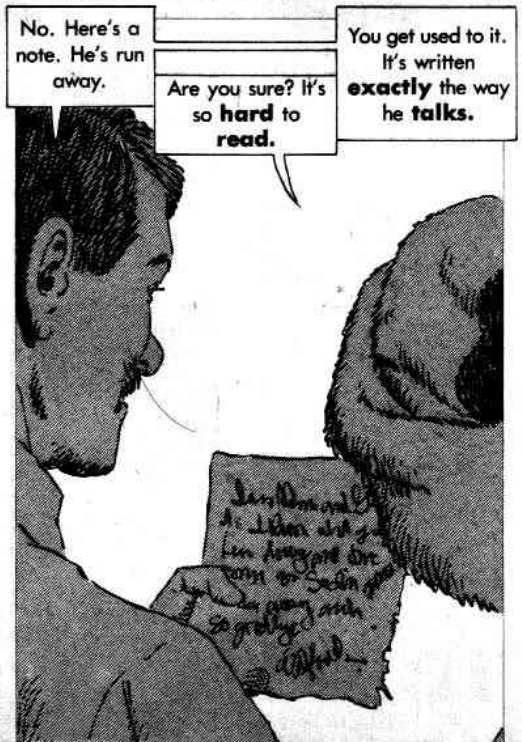

Why'd you put **glue** in my hairspray?
I **didn't** do it! First Gorge accuses me of **bending** his golf club and now **this!** Oh, the **abuses** I must suffer. It's not fair!
That we should accuse you without evidence?
No, that I should have to recite such **awful** dialog with a **straight face.**
Just go to your room.

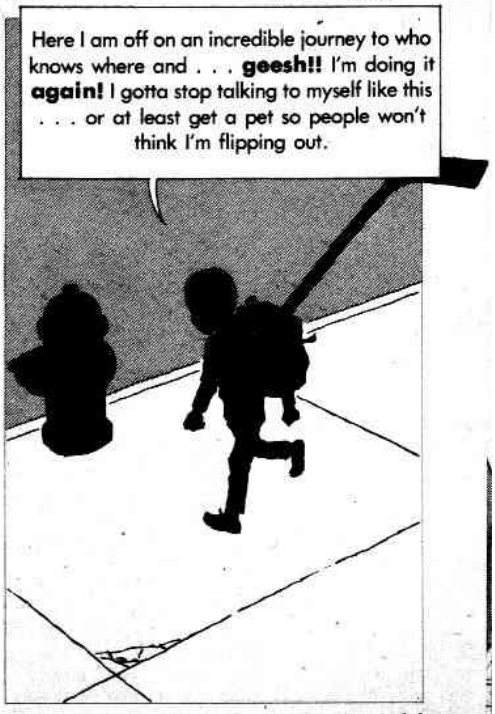
I see what they're up to. They're tired of taking care of me, so they're blaming things on me hoping that I'll run away. Well, that's just what I intend to do . . . And while I'm at it, I think I'll also try and figure out why I keep talking **out loud** to myself when there's nobody else here.

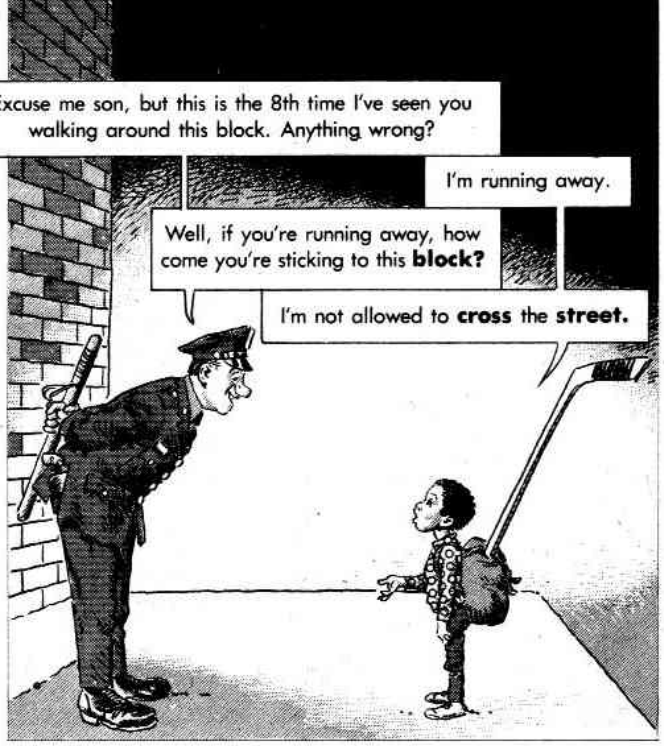
Hi, Catrine. **Hey!** You redid your hair! I like it. Where's Web?
In his room. He's being punished.
We do a **lot** of that, don't we?


Can't you see what he did. He put **glue** in my hairspray.
Catrin, I think you're making too much out of this, the way I did the golf clubs. Now shouldn't we go into his room and **makeout** with him?
Don't you mean make**up**?
Oh. Right. There I go thinking like a pro football player again!!!

Webfoot, I've come in here to . . . Webfoot? Where is he? . . . **Oh no!** You don't suppose he slipped through the **drain** again while he was taking a shower!

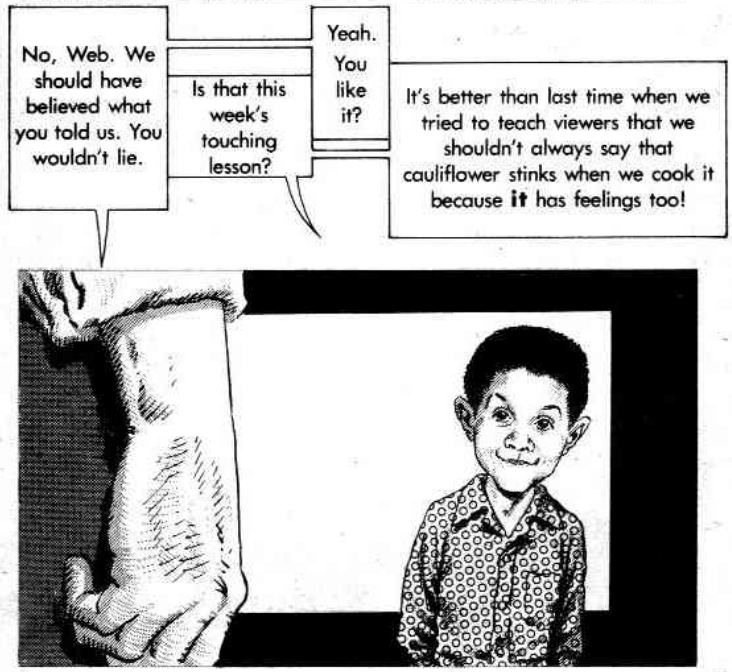

No. Here's a note. He's run away.
Are you sure? It's so **hard** to **read.**
You get used to it. It's written **exactly** the way he **talks.**


Here I am off on an incredible journey to who knows where and . . . **geesh!!** I'm doing it **again!** I gotta stop talking to myself like this . . . or at least get a pet so people won't think I'm flipping out.

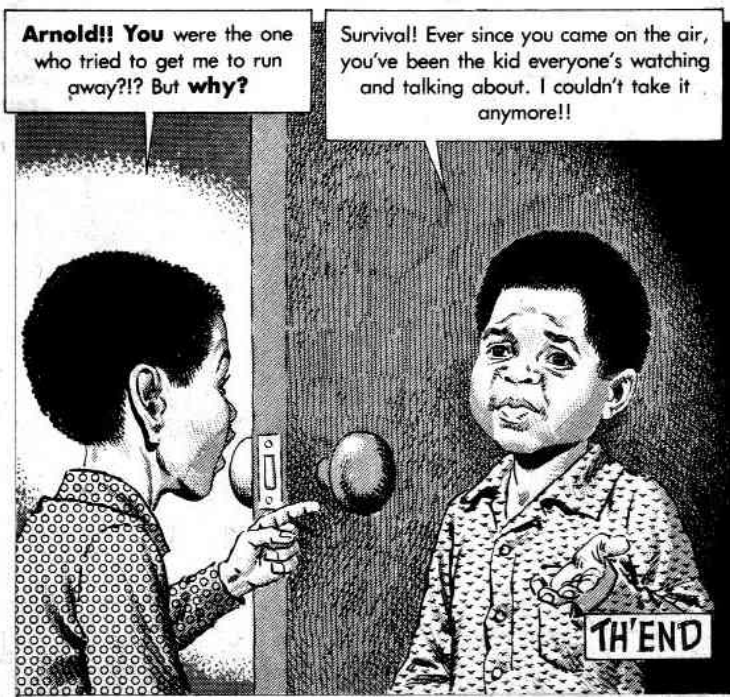

Excuse me son, but this is the 8th time I've seen you walking around this block. Anything wrong?
I'm running away.
Well, if you're running away, how come you're sticking to this **block?**
I'm not allowed to **cross** the **street.**

You **sure** you want to do this?
Well ...
Come on. Why don't I take you home. It's nearly **dinnertime** and you don't wanna miss **that!!**
Wanna bet?

Look who I found!
Oh, Webfoot! We **missed** you **so much!**
Why? You run out of little kids to **blame** things on?


No, Web. We should have believed what you told us. You wouldn't lie.
Is that this week's touching lesson?
Yeah. You like it?
It's better than last time when we tried to teach viewers that we shouldn't always say that cauliflower stinks when we cook it because **it** has feelings too!

But what I wanna know is, if **you** didn't pull all those pranks, who did?
I think I found the answer to that, ma'am in this closet.


Arnold!! You were the one who tried to get me to run away?!? But **why?**
Survival! Ever since you came on the air, you've been the kid everyone's watching and talking about. I couldn't take it anymore!!
TH'END

Has this happened to you lately?

And when you see a new price stamped onto a product that you use everyday, do you over react at its increase?

And has the nigh price of food moved you to take desperate measures?

Well, relax. There's no need to sell off loved ones or resort to hamburgers and baked avocado pits every night because CRACKED is here to aid you with these helpful tips on

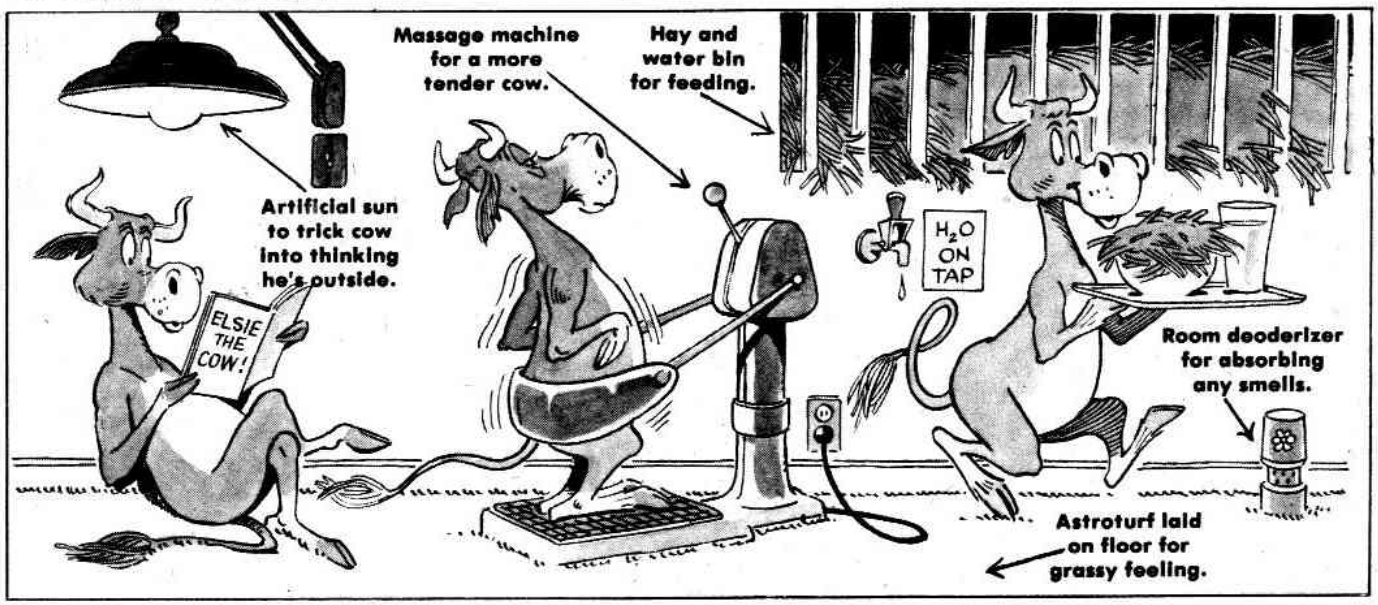
HOW TO EAT BETTER FOR LESS MONEY

First, never buy items at regular price. Wait for a sale and then stock up.

And whenever possible, clip and use manufacturers' "cents off" coupons found in newspapers.

Also, buy bigger quantities of meat. This reduces your price per pound.

Better yet, convert that spare bedroom or den of yours into a mini-meadow and raise your own beef.



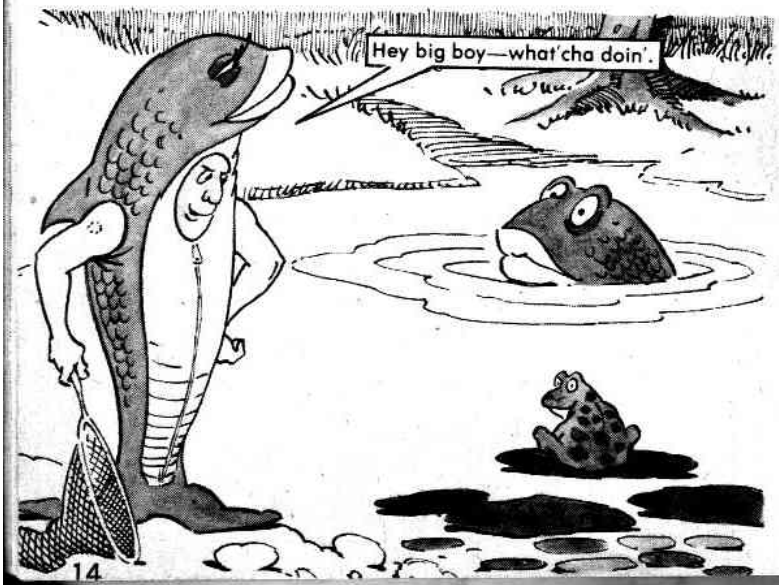
Should you not have a spare room, you can always go out into the wilds to try and catch your own fresh meat.

But beware the opposite doesn't happen to you.

And once you have your catch, make sure you can get it home.

Of course, man cannot live on meat alone, so fish is another good dish you can prepare for nothing.

Here again, if you live near a stream, catch your own instead of buying it.



Short of that, convert your seldom used bathtub into a mini-fish hatchery.

CRACKED is wondering why the third hand on a watch is called the second hand!

Companies periodically give cash refunds for buying products, so always save the box tops from the products you use.

And when you're in a store that's giving away free samples

At the appropriate moment, take one or two extra to taste at home.

And whenever possible, bake things yourself instead of buying them pre-made.

And when baking, always follow a recipe so as not to have things come out wrong.

And to save money on vegetables, try growing your own. Now you say, you need veggies all year long—not just in the summer. Relax. Here's an indoor garden that is not only functional, but also attractive and out of the way as well.

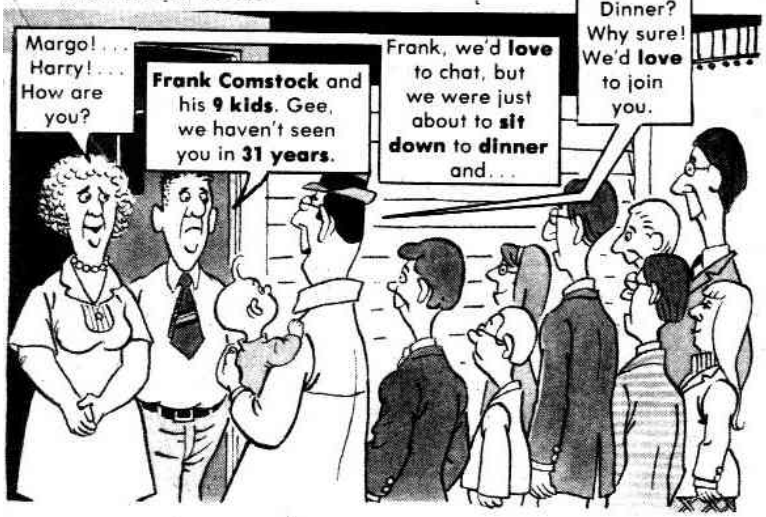
Merely drill holes along the edge of your floor into the ground . . .

. . . then plant seeds.

In a few months, you will have a lovely, low-cost, year-round garden.

Another way to eat better for no money whatsoever is to get yourself invited to dinner as often as possible. This can be done in several ways including

Well timed visits.



And dropping in, weekends, at the local catering house.

CRACKED is being a photographer with a negative attitude!

And for a free meal in a restaurant...

Merely go in and order what you wish.

Then 3/4's of the way through the main course...

Now to get your free dinner, simply carry on as loudly as possible.

Yes, follow this CRACKED "eat better for less" article to the letter and one of two things is certain to happen.

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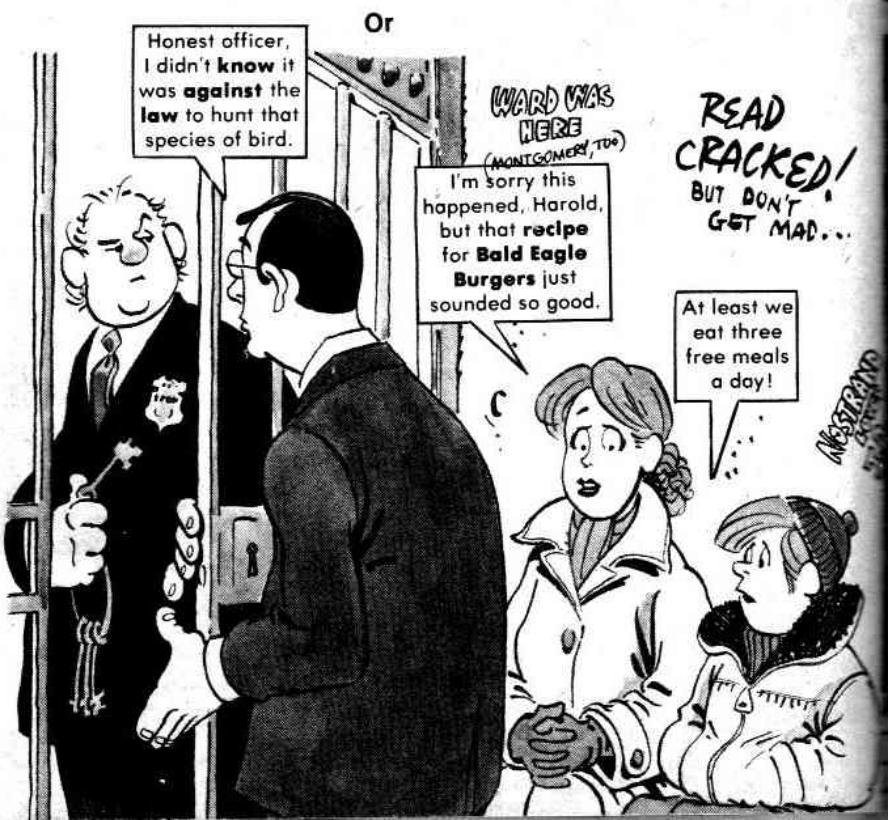

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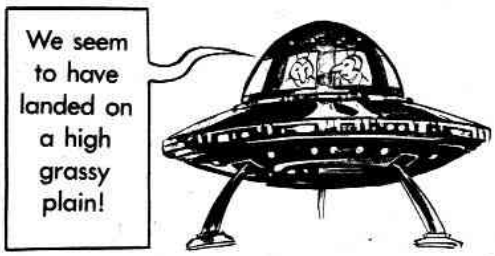

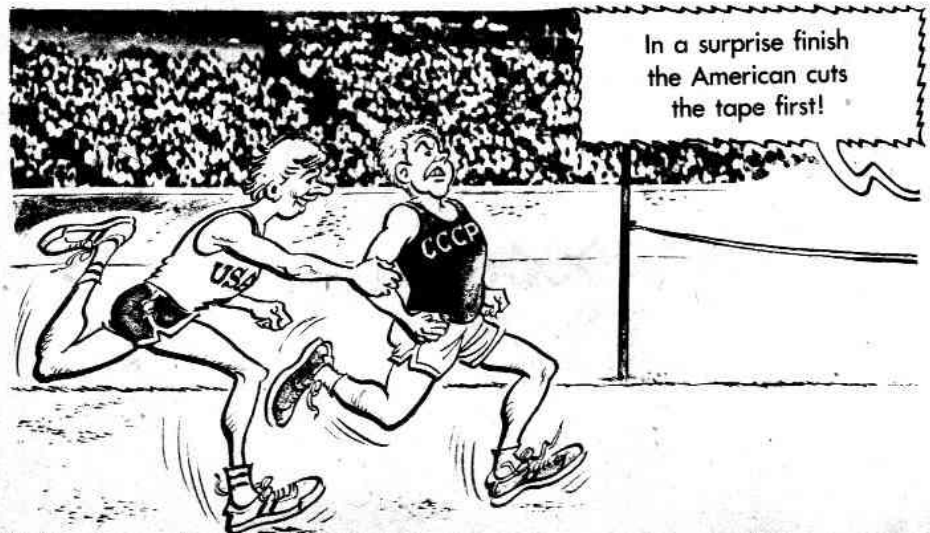

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THE FUN STARTS ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE!
TURN BACK AND ENJOY THE SURPRISE . . .
JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT!

Unlike some magazines, CRACKED doesn't like to sit back and let the world go by. We like to report trends and fads long before they come about. Why, we were the first magazine to learn of the cod liver oil drinking contests of 1843—(and had we been in existence then, we would have even printed the story we wrote on it.) Well, today, there's another big trend spreading through the country—this time fitness-oriented—which you'll soon learn about when you read

THE CRACKED GUIDE TO JOGGING

THE BEGINNINGS
Some say that jogging dates all the way back to the cavemen when he invented the sport out of necessity.

However, researchers have recently concluded that this was not jogging—it was running! Instead, they maintain Florence Farmingdale invented it on May 1, 1881.

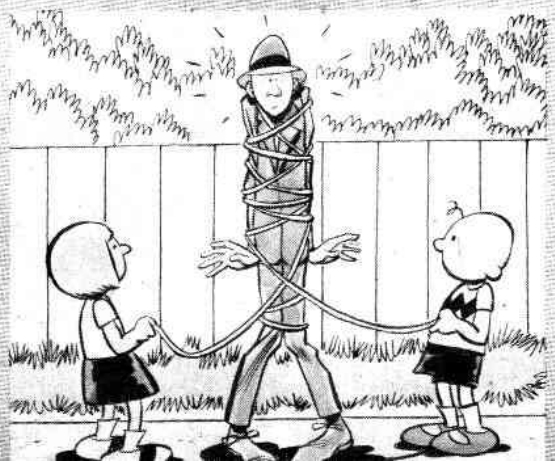
But, whoever the originator, one thing is certain—jogging has never been bigger.

And neither have some of its participants!

HOW TO BEGIN: Before you commence to jog extensively, it is very important that you first get into shape.

Start by jumping rope—simply at first, if you have to . . .

. . . progressing at your own pace—always being careful not to exceed your ability.



And while exercising be sure to eat a good joggers diet.

THE JOGGER'S EQUIPMENT: So you think that now you're in shape you can just open the door and take off—untrue! For there are a few things you will need to know to make the sport more pleasureable.

Shoes: Not just any shoes will do. Notice the problem this jogger is having.

And this person will also experience some difficulty.

The perfect shoe is a comfortable sneaker.

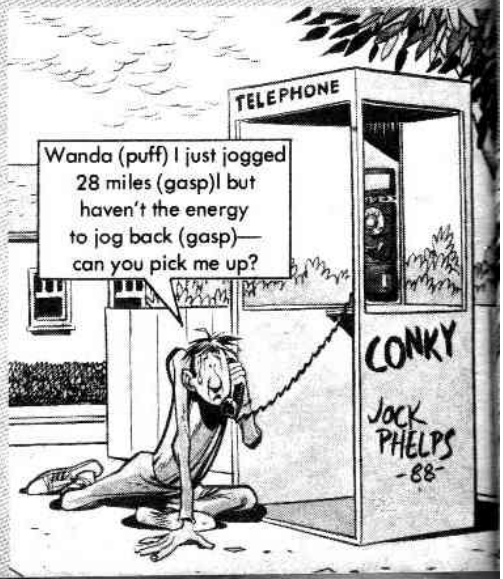
Next, you will need a warm-up suit.

A warm-up suit is used to lock in the heat your body builds up as you jog. This in turn helps you lose unnecessary weight which in turn keeps you fit.

Another thing you will need is a specially designed pair of jogging socks.

And, if you have long hair, a head band will come in very handy; otherwise . . .

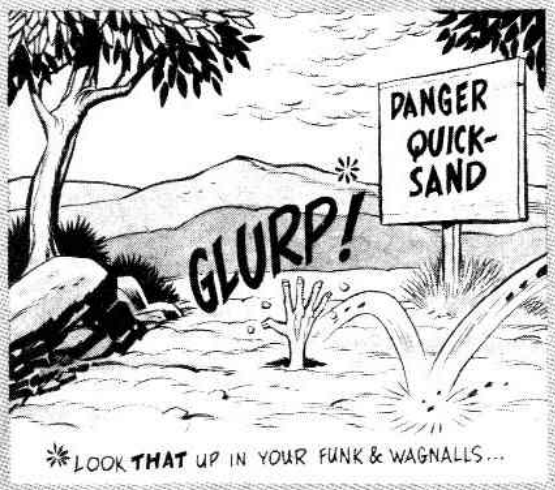
And lastly, it is always helpful to have a dime along.



WHERE TO JOG: OK, you're in shape and you have your equipment. Now where do you jog? "Unimportant," you say. A lot you know!

For example, jogging on freshly paved roads can be a problem . . .

and along uncharted jungle paths.

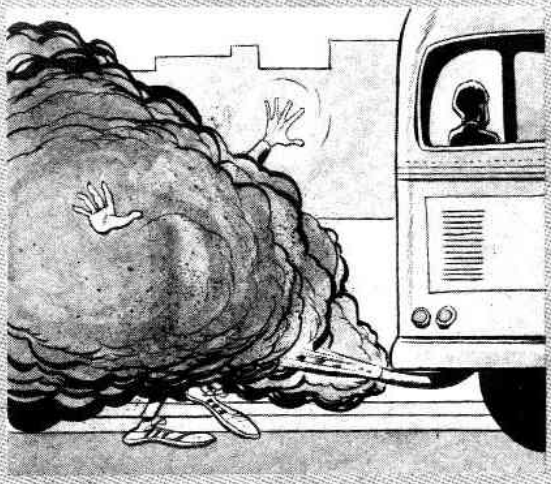


And have you ever tried to run through a puddle whose depth you underestimated.

So where does that you leave you?

Well, bike paths are good, only some bikers get envious when they see a jogger on their turf and try to retaliate.

And along a city street is pleasant, but this too can be dangerous.



Probably the safest place, where cars can't run you down, is on some major expressway during rush hour.

THE WEATHER: What about inclement weather? Should this stop you from doing your daily jogging workout?—No sir!

If it rains, dress a little differently.

And when the snow comes . . .

Only a tornado may throw you slightly off your daily route.

WHEN TO JOG: Some people complain their whole day is filled and thus have no time for jogging. Nonsense! Time can easily be found if jogging is combined with other things, as these people below prove.

PAIN AND WHAT IT MEANS: When you're just beginning to jog, you may experience some minor pains. Do not worry. These are normal as we will briefly show.

PAIN IN LEG

Neighbor's dog may be clinging to thigh.

PAIN IN FOOT

May have small stone in sneaker.

PAIN IN CALF

May have sick heffer on your hands.

PAIN IN NECK

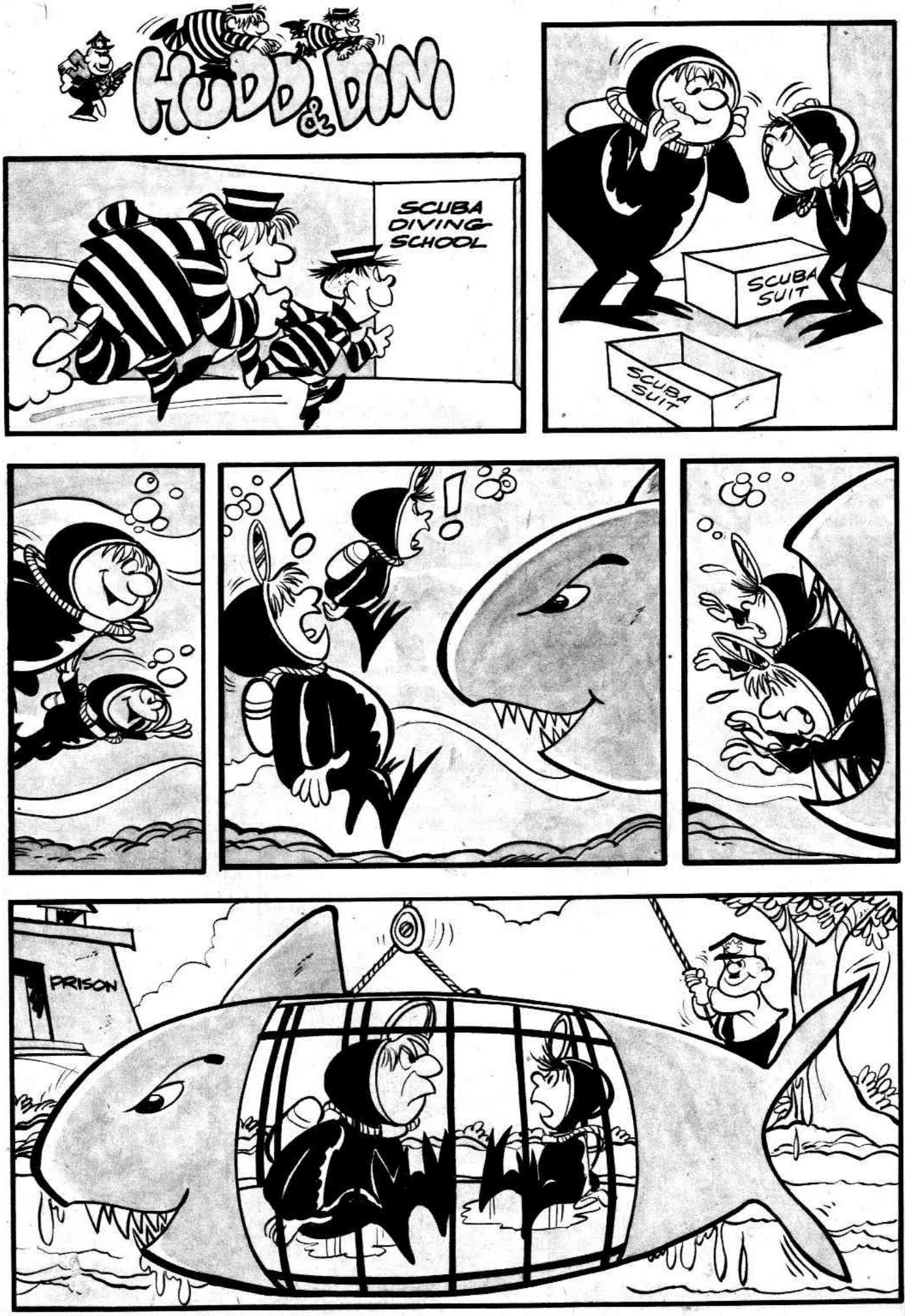
May have nag for wife.

CONCLUSION: Yes, a jog a day, every day, and you'll find all sorts of things happening to you.

Your leg muscles will develop new strengths.

And you'll find jogging curing many ills—including insomnia.

As we see it, the only drawback of the sport is that if it gets too popular . . .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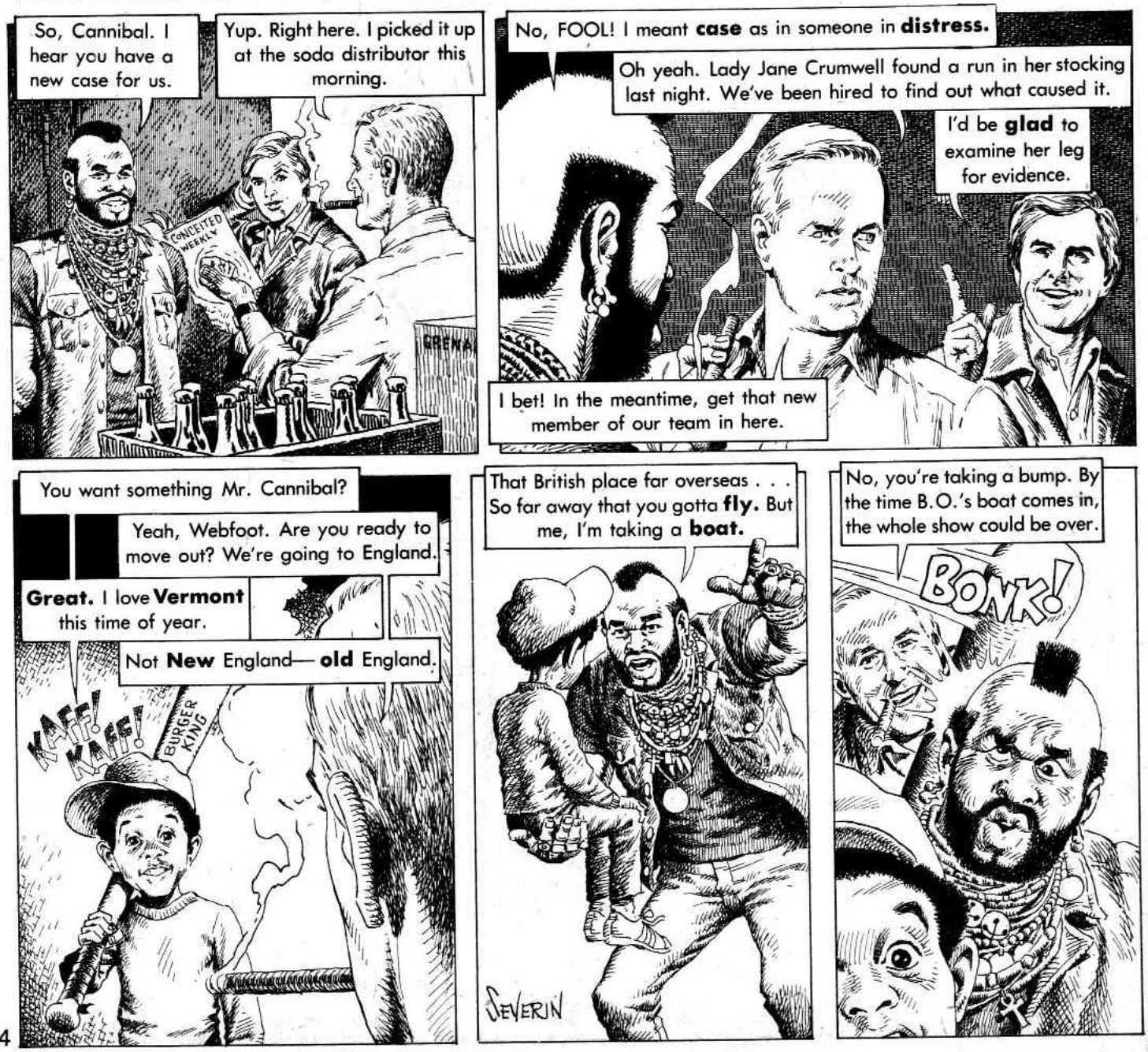
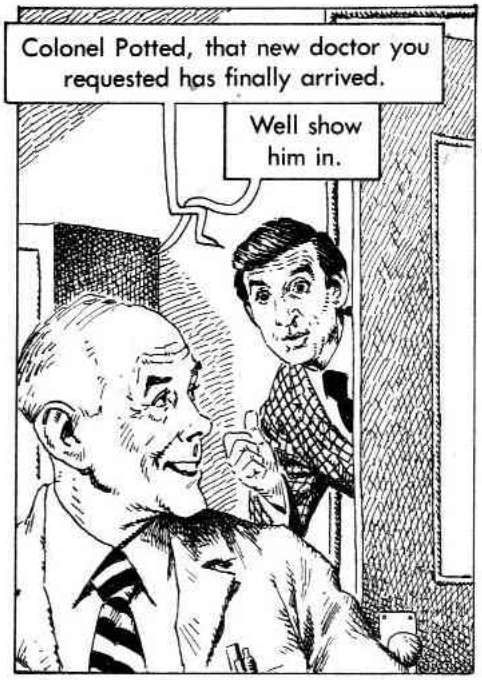
IF TV SHOWS WERE COMBINED

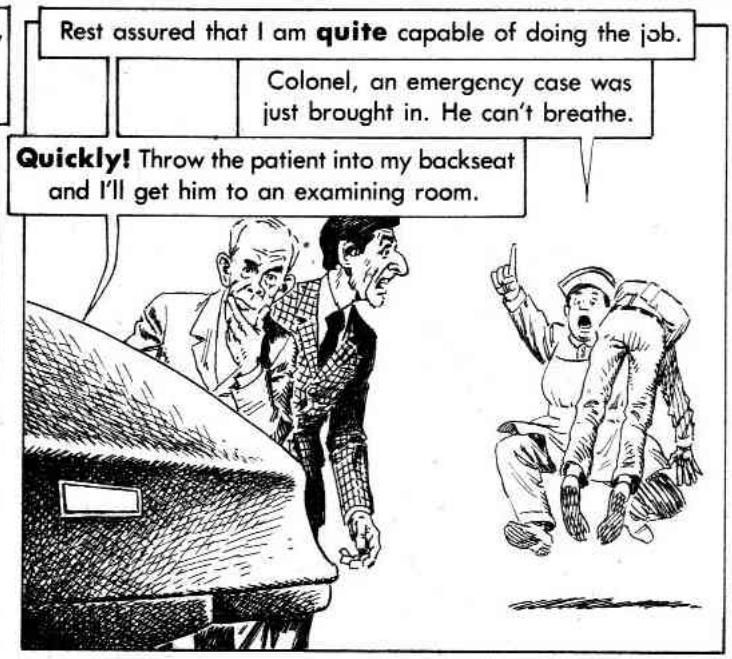
THE A-TEAM AND WEBSTER

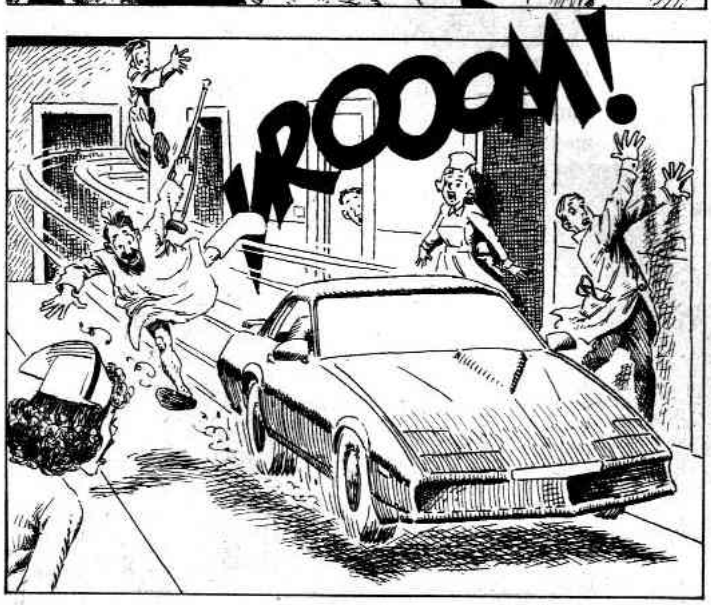


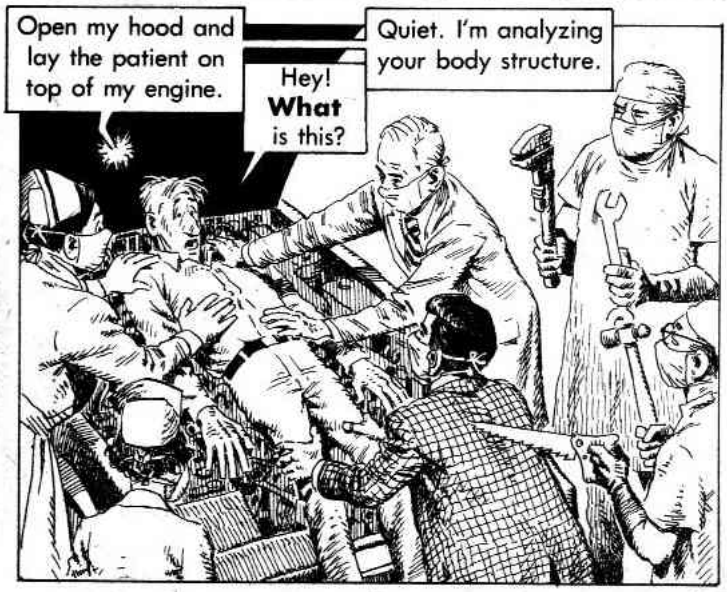
CRACKED IS the fast lawyer who had a brief case.

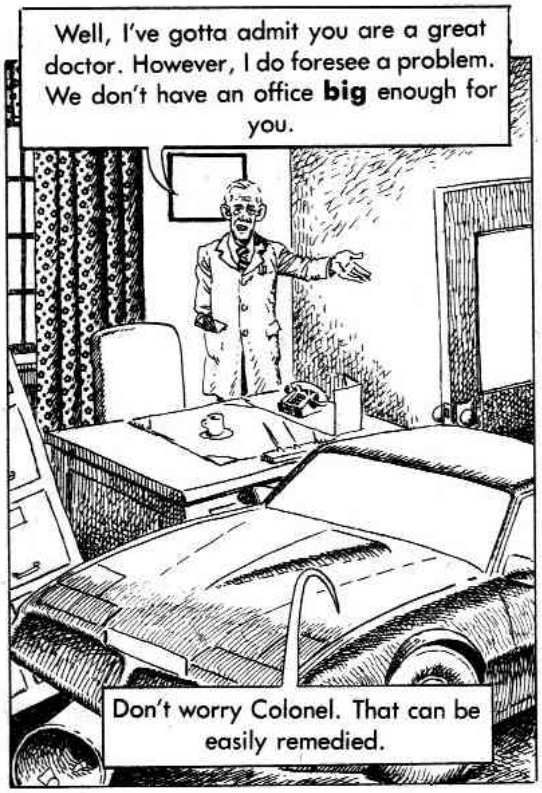
KNIGHT RIDER AND AFTERMASH











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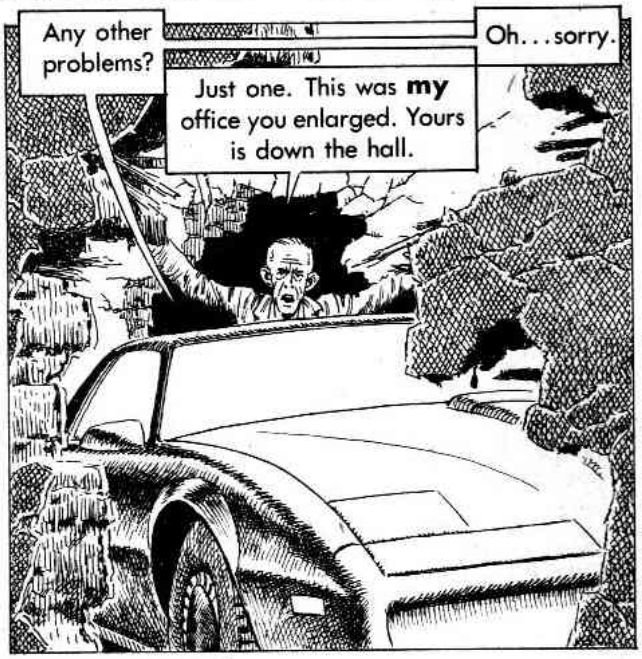

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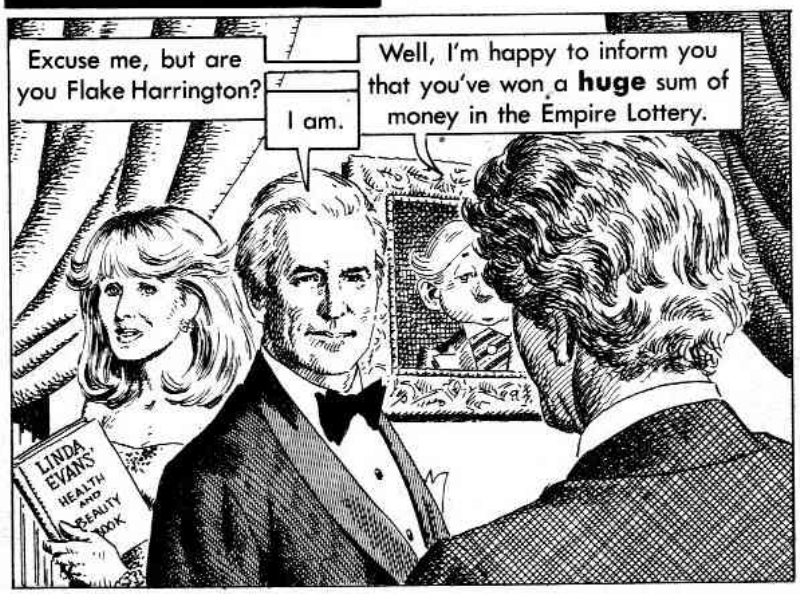
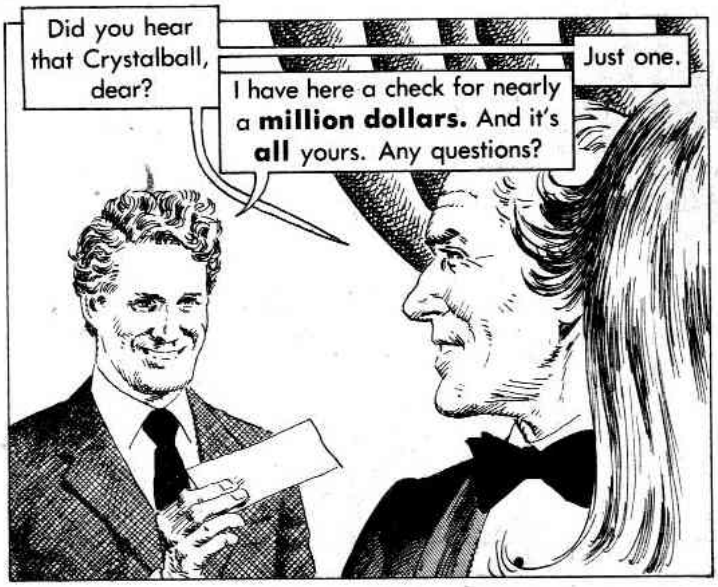
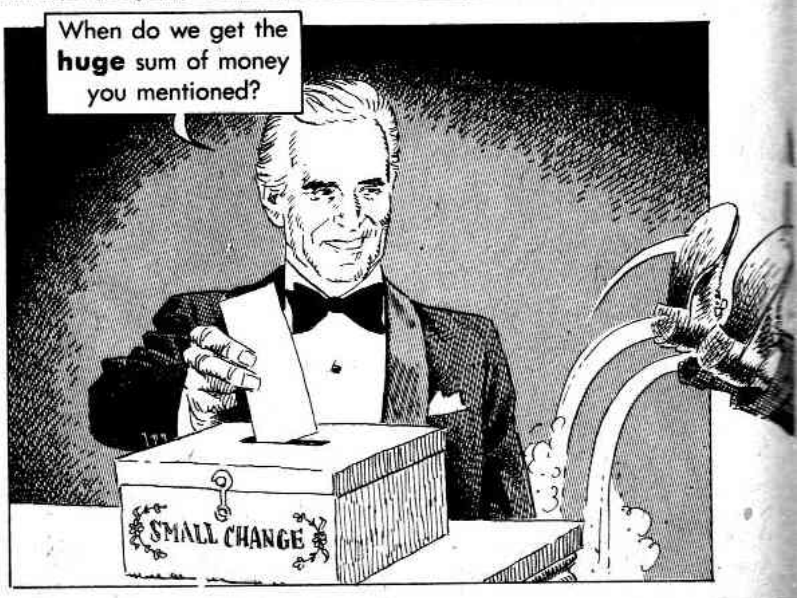
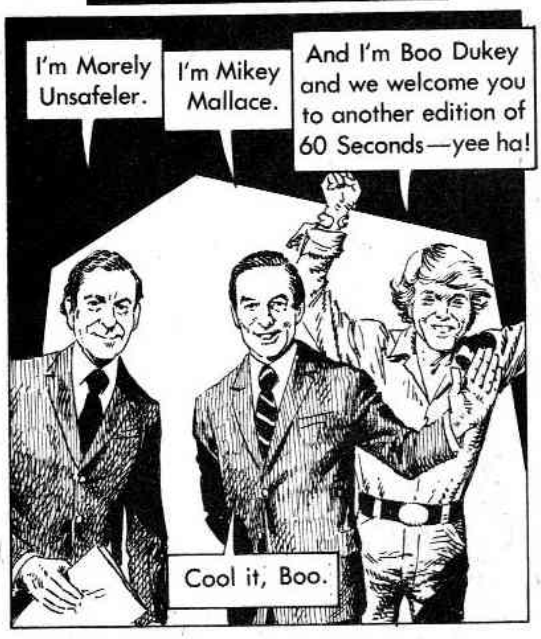


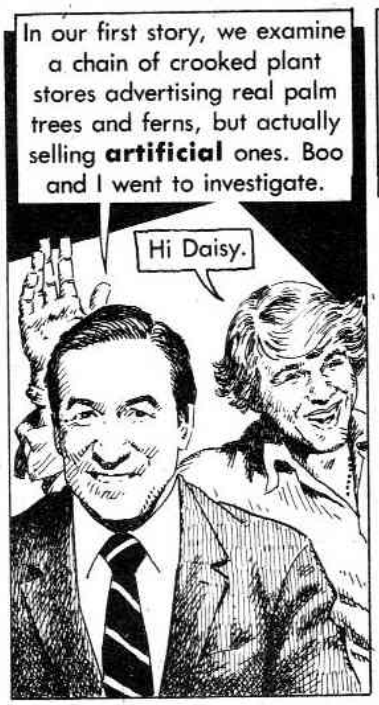




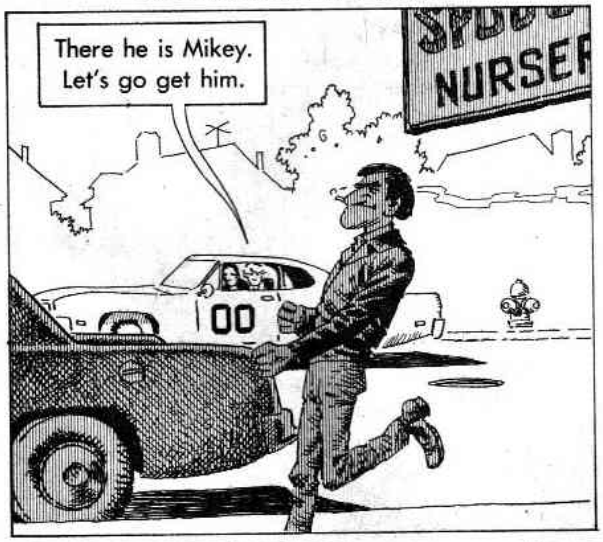
CRACKED IS making shoes out of banana peels to have bedroom slippers.

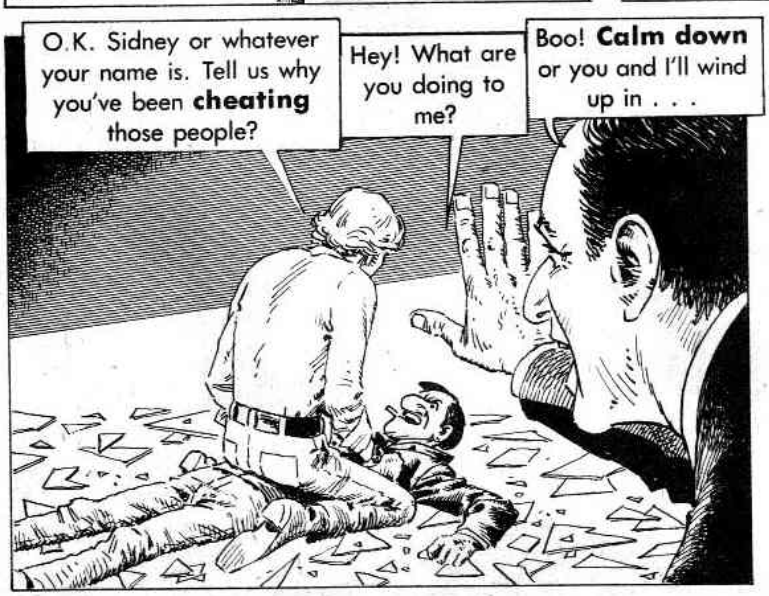
60 MINUTES AND THE DUKES OF HAZZARD

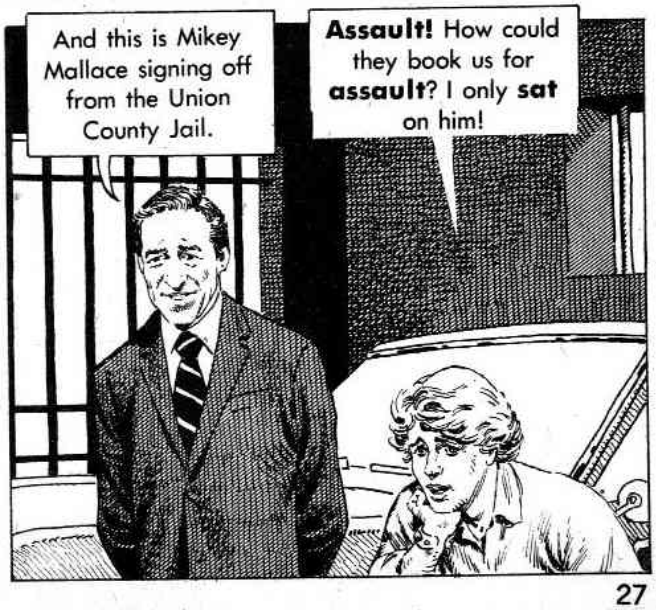




That was the complaint we heard over and over, but when we went to talk to the nursery's owner Mr. Sidney Spudspitter, he was never there. Then one day, Boo and I saw him leaving.







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DALLAS AND DIFF'RENT STROKES

GODZILLA
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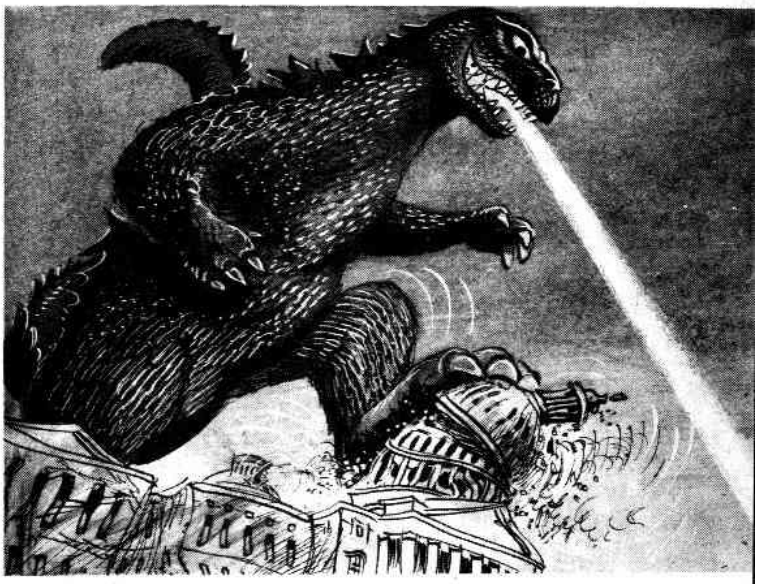

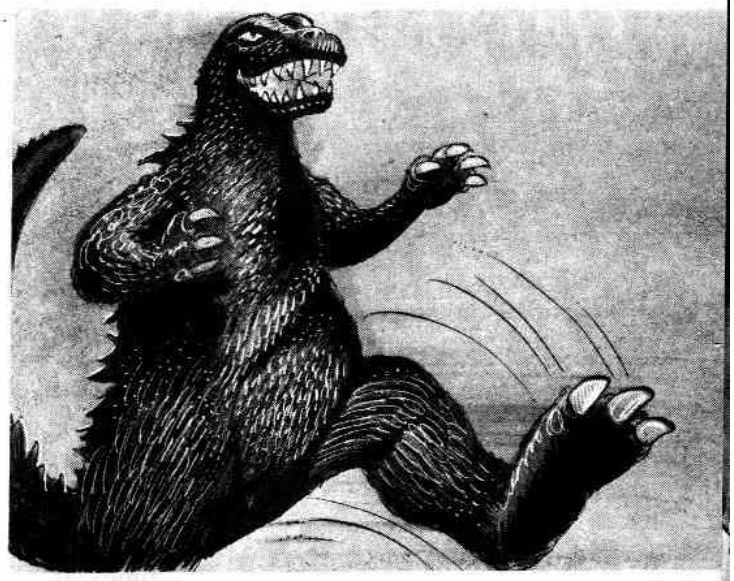

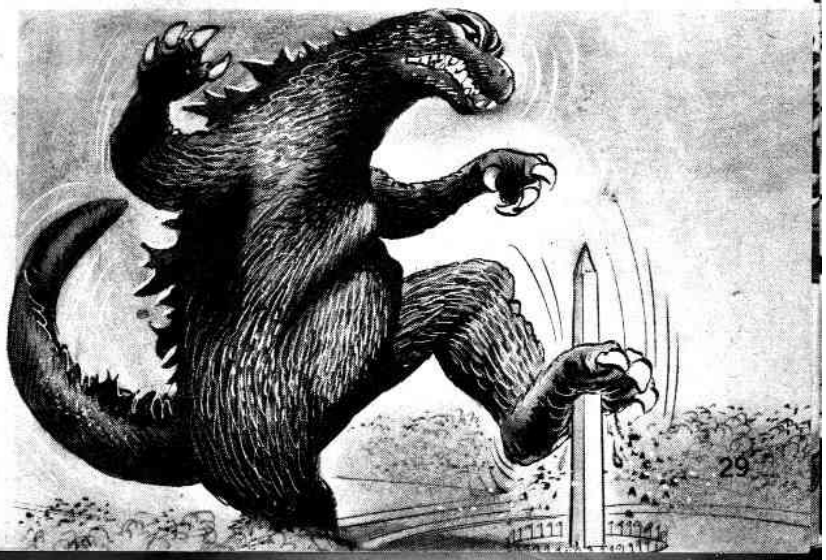

Ah! Ah! Ah!
Don't touch that page!
We are in control now. You have passed from the world of satires and fun into the realm of

VIDEO

NIGHTMARES

I feel generous today. Here's 500 quarters. Go play whatever you want at the arcade.

ARCADE CLOSED TODAY DUE TO LITHUANIAN PIZZA BAKING HOLIDAY

Look what game Aunt Bertha got you for your home computer.

Missile Command? Donkey Destroyer?

Better! STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE!

I'm sorry kid, but only people who come **prepared** with **change** can play this hot new game.

But I've **got** a **fifty!**

SPACE DEMONS

Congratulations!

For being **high scorer** of the **week,** you've won 400 pounds of **cooked spinach.**

Oh my! Just think of all the **great** spinach suppers I can make now thanks to **you!**

HELL'S ANGELS

GIFT CERTIFICATE

While you were in the bathroom, I accidentally hit this button. It isn't anything important I hope?
MOTHER, KEEP OUT!
Nah. It just **wiped** out **every** game I had stored in the computer. No big deal.

Gee, thanks for raising my allowance to a quarter, Dad! Now I can play one video game a week!
Hey, Lou. Did you hear? They just **raised** the price of all games at the arcade to 50¢.

Newsbight
PORT WASHINGTON BOY LOSES THUMBS
DOCTORS CONFIRM THAT PLAYING TOO MUCH VIDEO CAN CAUSE YOUR THUMBS TO FALL OFF
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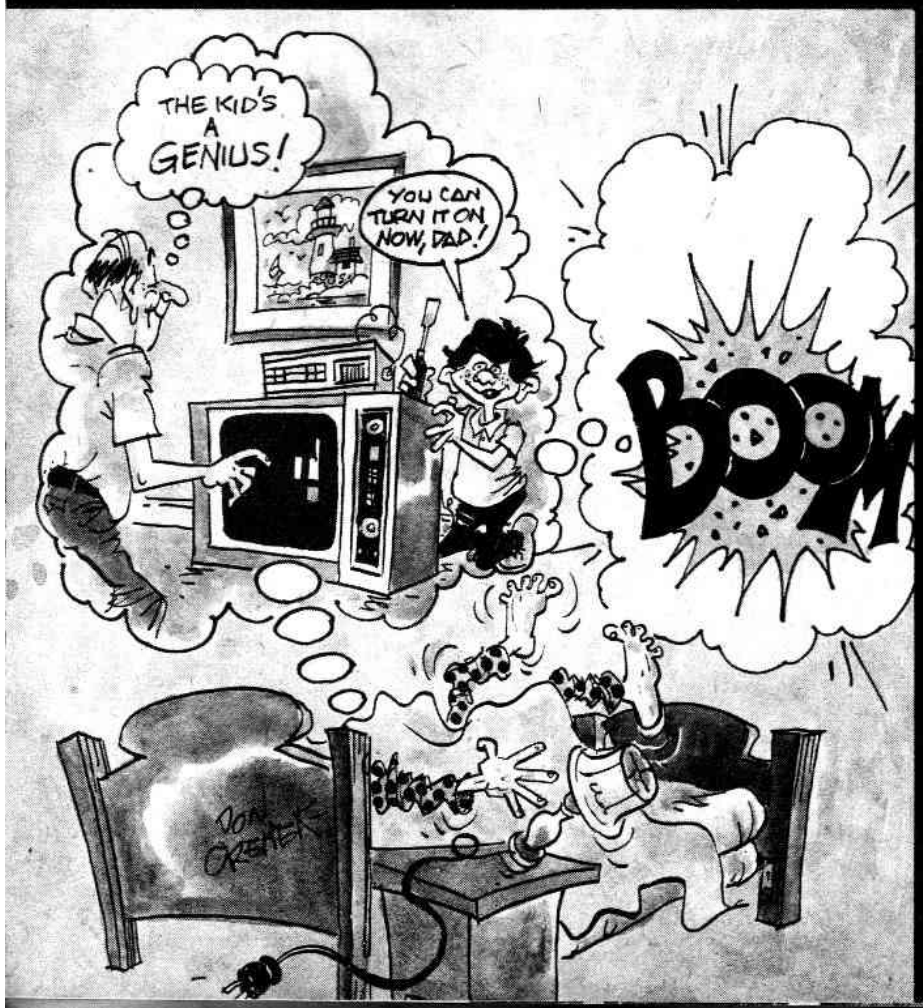
MOM! **Somebody!**

Honestly! I didn't bang that machine **that** hard! It went on the fritz due to old age! You've **got** to believe me!
PRESS BOX
VIDEO

Sorry, but due to the recent advances in technology, they've stopped production on the console you own. It's obsolete. You'll **never** play a **new** video game on it again!!

And as of today, the only way you'll get your diploma is if you sign a contract agreeing **never** to play video again!
MACE
5:10

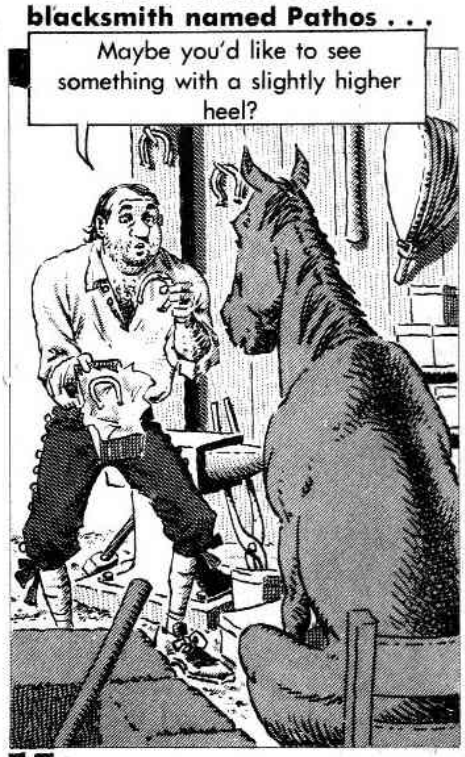
What do you know? Your **little sister** beat you by 20,000 points!


THE KID'S A GENIUS!
YOU CAN TURN IT ON, NOW, DAD!
BOOM

Larry, I'm only gonna call you **once** more, then I'm throwing your supper away.

Every so often, CRACKED likes to take a breather from satirizing current movie fare and go back and salute one of Hollywood's film classics. This time out, we'd like to pay tribute to one of the greatest movies of them all (but then we always say that about any film we pick). It takes place in Louis XIII's France and is the tale of three men

One of whom was a blacksmith named Pathos . . .



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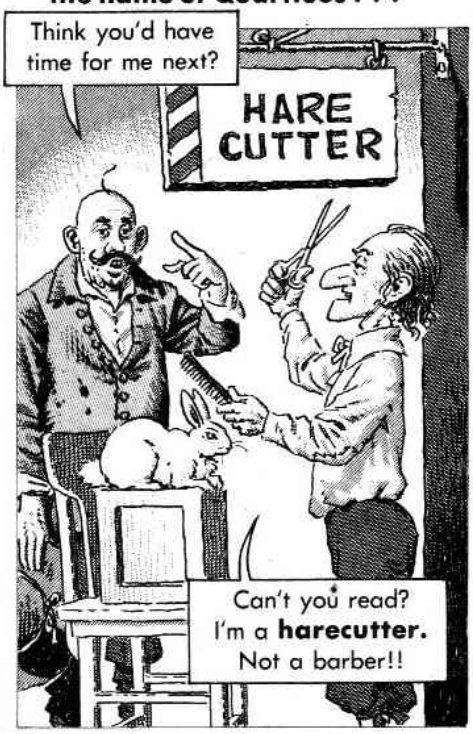
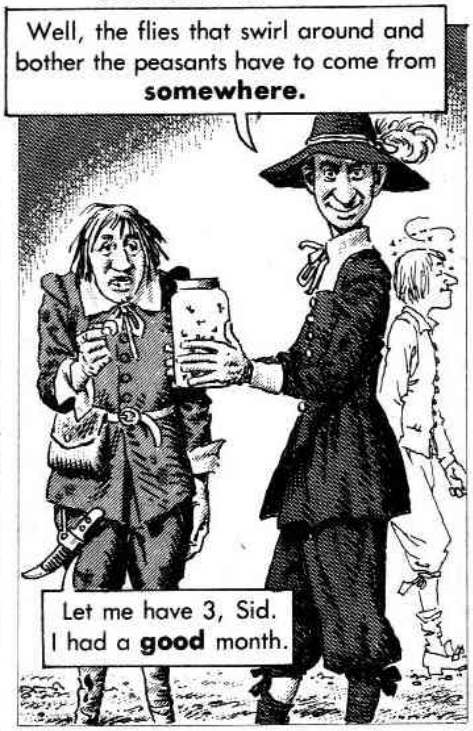


And the third, a fly salesman named Sid.



However, when injustice was being done to the peasant class, the men would suddenly leave work and assume a secret identity—that of expert swordsmen known collectively as

THE THREE MOOSEKATEERS

CRACKED is refusing to take a bath because you've just eaten!

OUR STORY BEGINS AT THE HOME OF ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL MEN IN ALL OF FRANCE, THE DUKE OF PATTY AND HIS WIFE, LADY BRADY.

Your excellency, you wished to see me?

Yes, Wilford. As you know, next to the King, I am one of the most **powerful men** in this region.

That you are my lord. You make **many** laws.

And I make **mittens.**

Or I should say, my wife Lady Brady makes them.

Yes, sir. We all know that she's the heir to the Shady Grady Mitten Company.

Well sales have been very **poor** of late.

That's because the **people** of this region are likewise.

SHADY GRADY MITTEN HEIRESS

Nonsense. I see the peasants squandering their money on food and shelter and clothing and flies.

Therefore, starting tomorrow, I want it decreed that every man, woman, child and animal **must** wear mittens at **all** times or they will be imprisoned.

Isn't that a little harsh?

We're just thinking of the people, Wilford. Mittens protect the hand.

But it's **summer** your ladyship. Yesterday it hit 93°.

Whatever. That's my decree. Tomorrow **all** people must wear Lady Brady Shady Gradys or else!

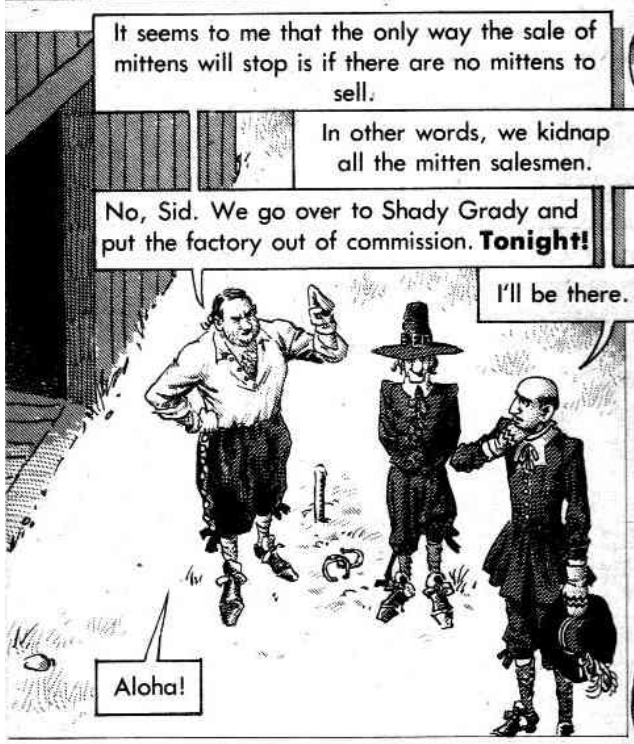
AND SO THE LAW WENT INTO EFFECT. NEEDLESS TO SAY, IT DID NOT PLEASE THE COMMON PEOPLE.

You're kidding! 15 francs for those mittens. That's a **month's** salary for me.

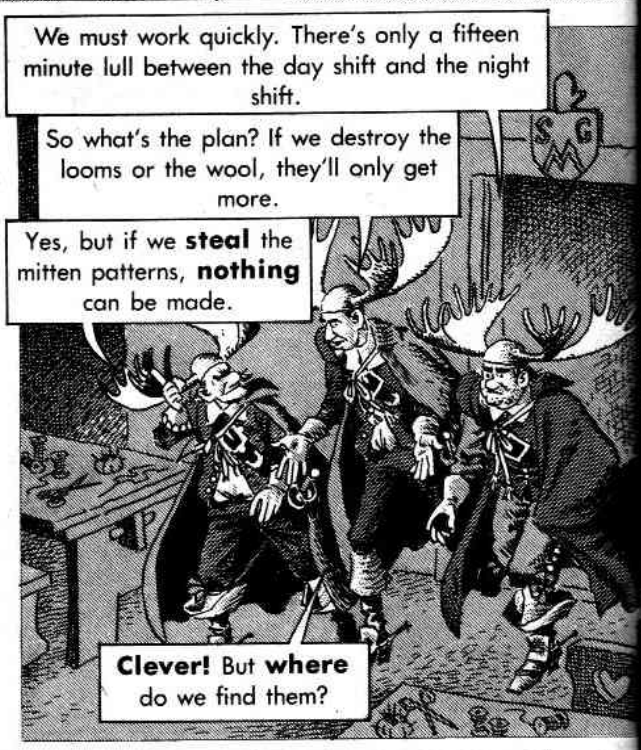
Here's **10** francs, but I don't like it.

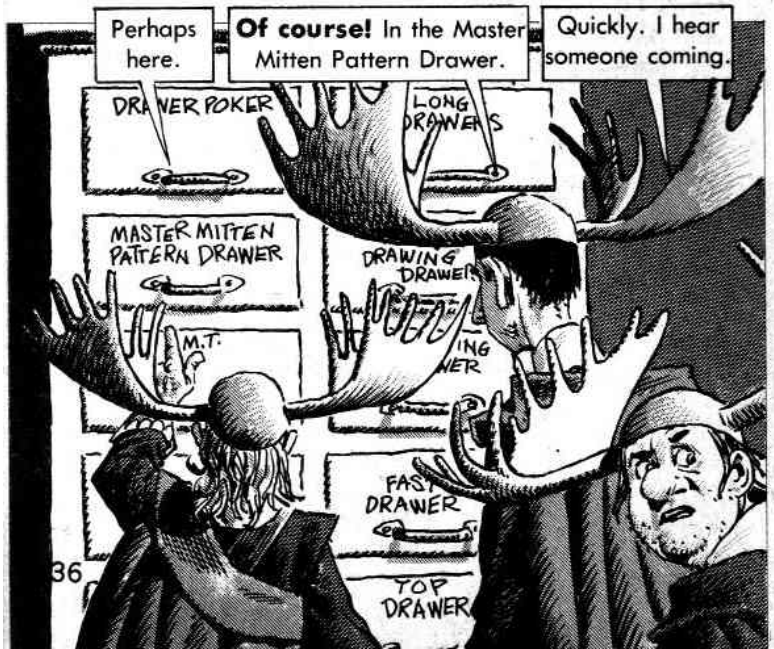
How am I gonna operate on my patients with **these** on?

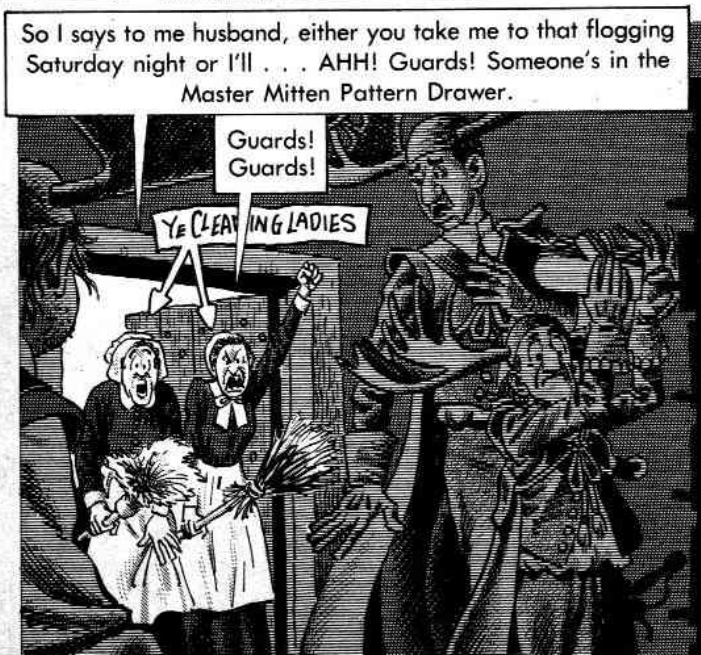
SHADY GRADY MITTENS

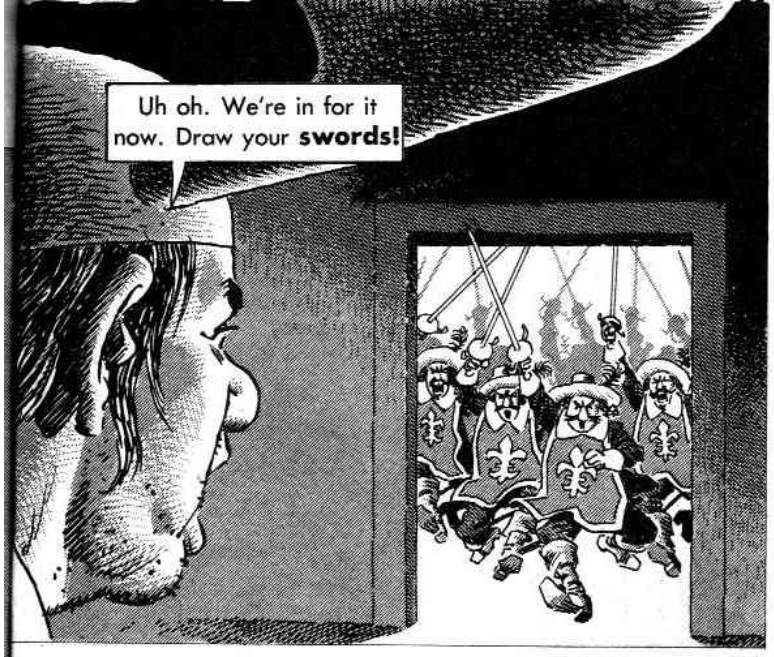


AND SO, THAT EVENING, SID, PATHOS AND QUARTIOUS LEFT EACH OF THEIR OWN SHOPS AND MET AT THE SHADY GRADY MITTEN COMPANY AS THE THREE MOOSEKATEERS.





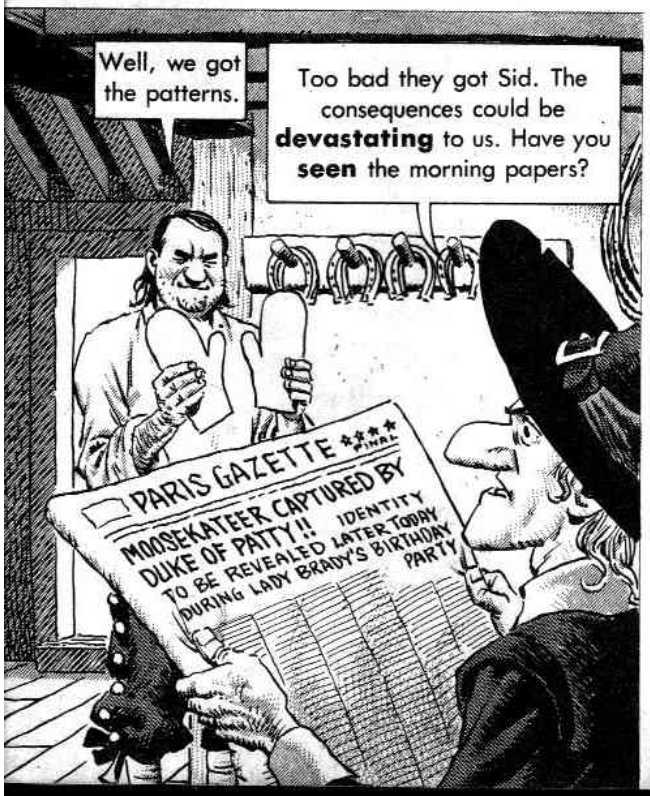


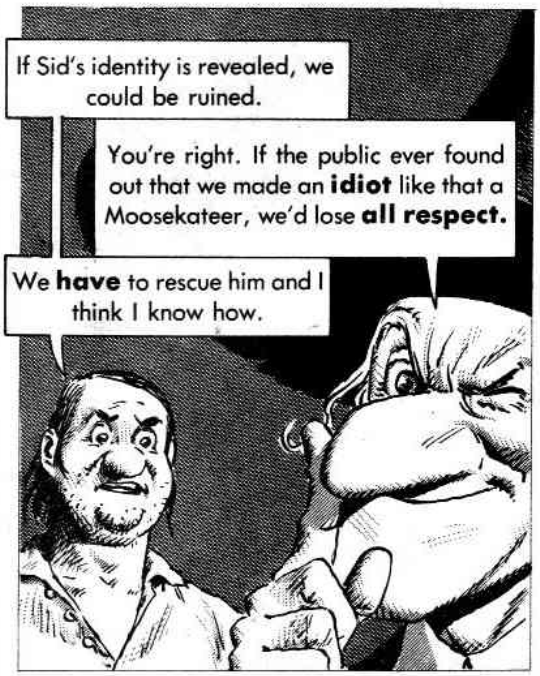

Uh oh. We're in for it now. Draw your **swords!**

Terrific, Sid. Stop fooling around and show me some expert fencing.

HOW'S THIS?

Reinforcements are coming. Away Moosekateers! **Away!**


Well, we got the patterns.
Too bad they got Sid. The consequences could be **devastating** to us. Have you **seen** the morning papers?
PARIS GAZETTE ★★★★ FINAL
MOOSEKATEER CAPTURED BY DUKE OF PATTY!! IDENTITY TO BE REVEALED LATER TODAY DURING LADY BRADY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY


If Sid's identity is revealed, we could be ruined.
You're right. If the public ever found out that we made an **idiot** like that a Moosekateer, we'd lose **all respect.**
We **have** to rescue him and I think I know how.

MEANWHILE, AT THE DUKE OF PATTY'S
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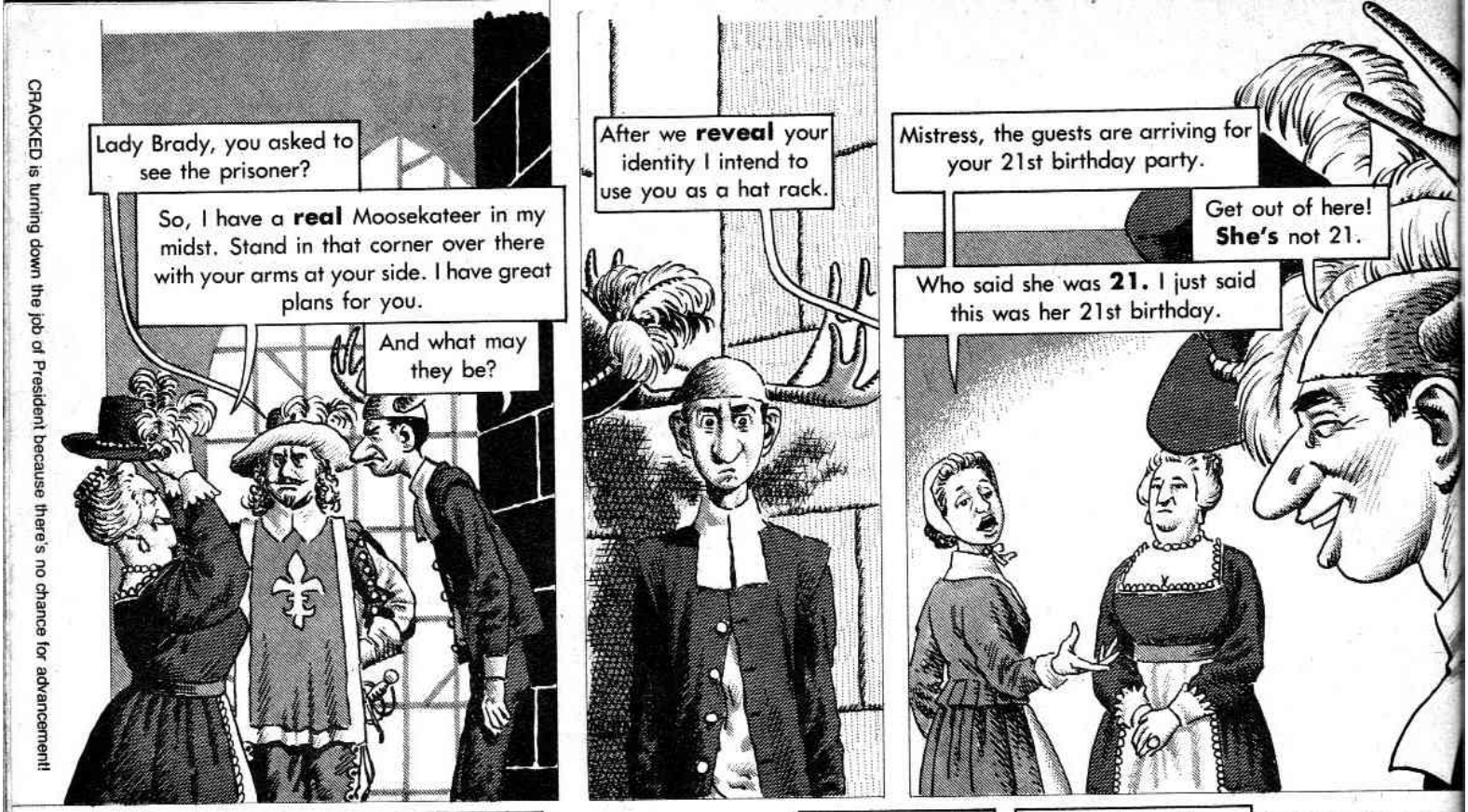
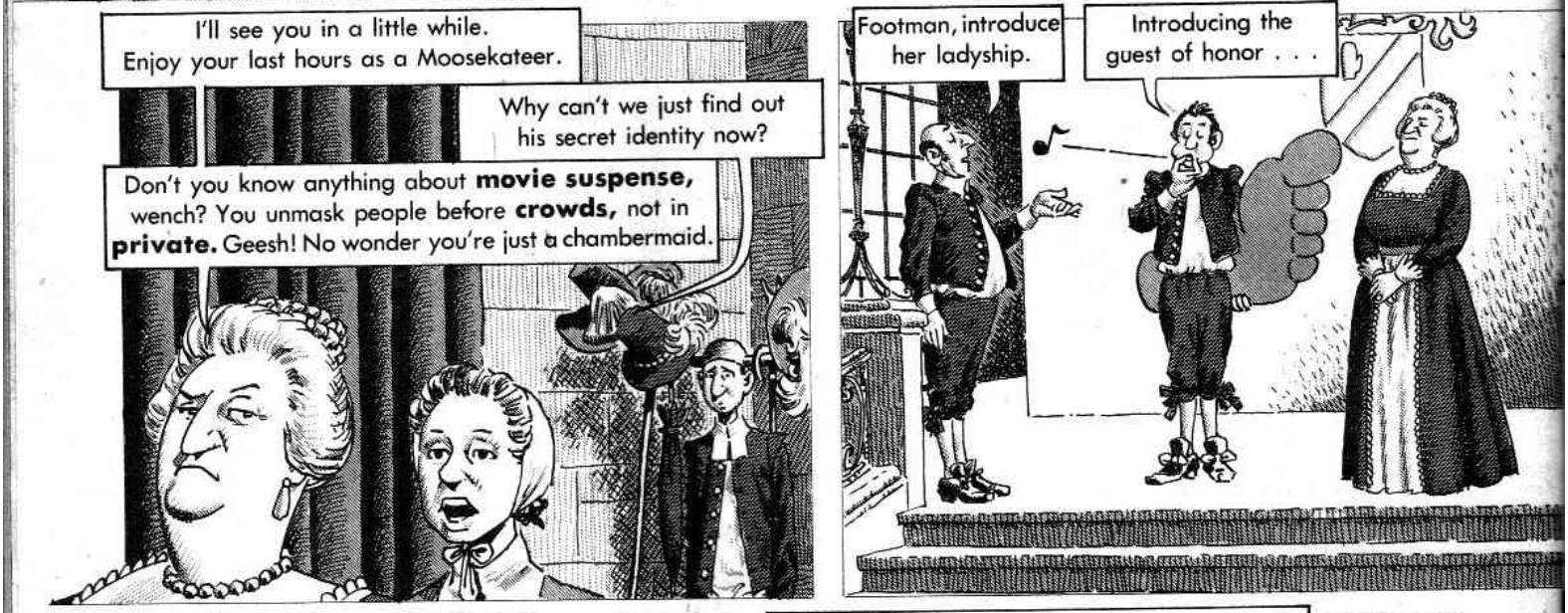
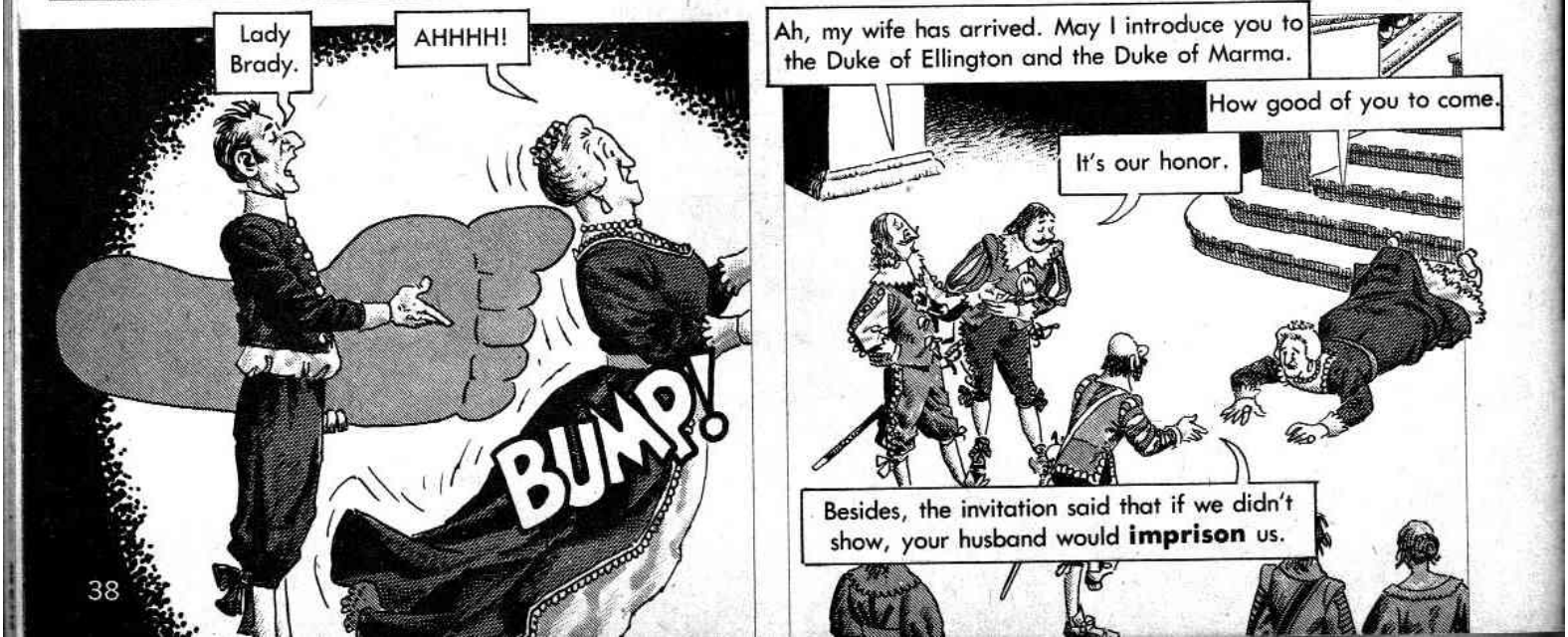
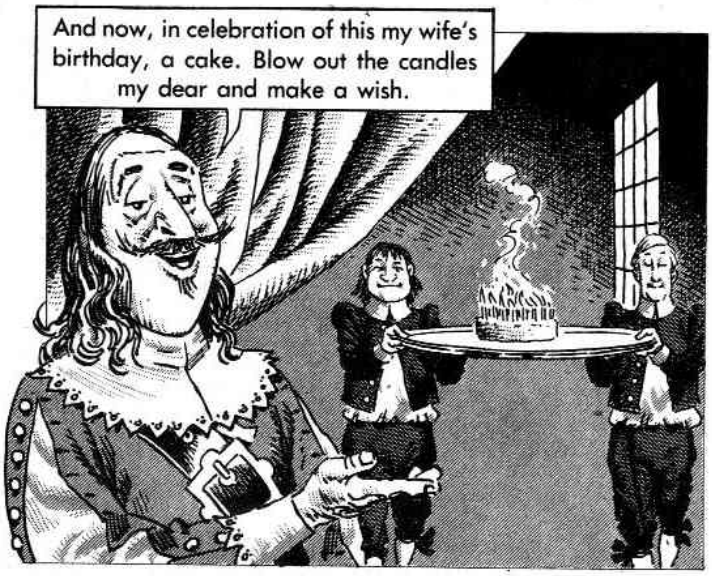
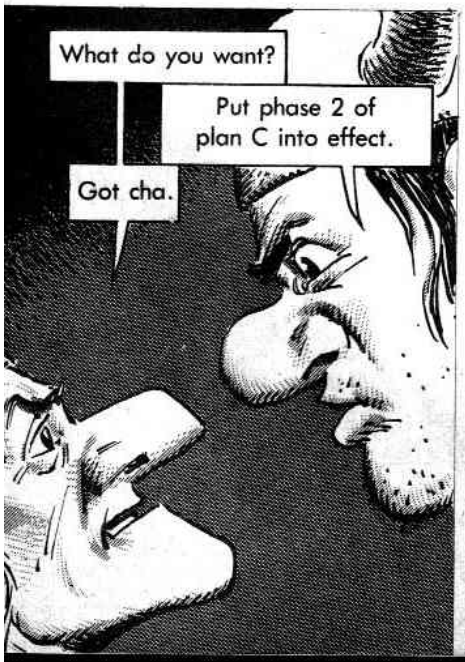


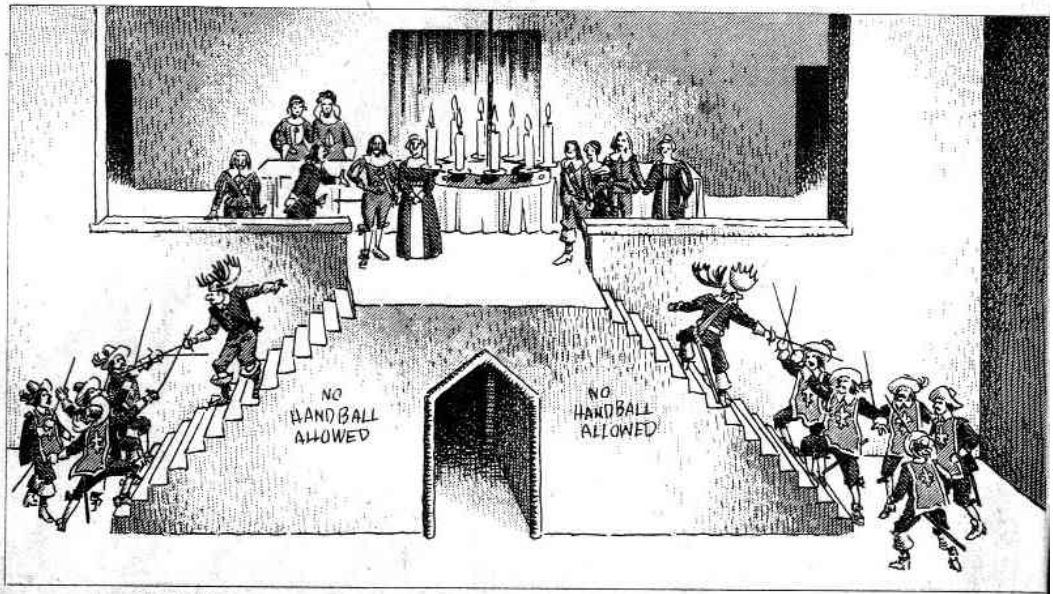




CRACKED is turning down the job of President because there's no chance for advancement!

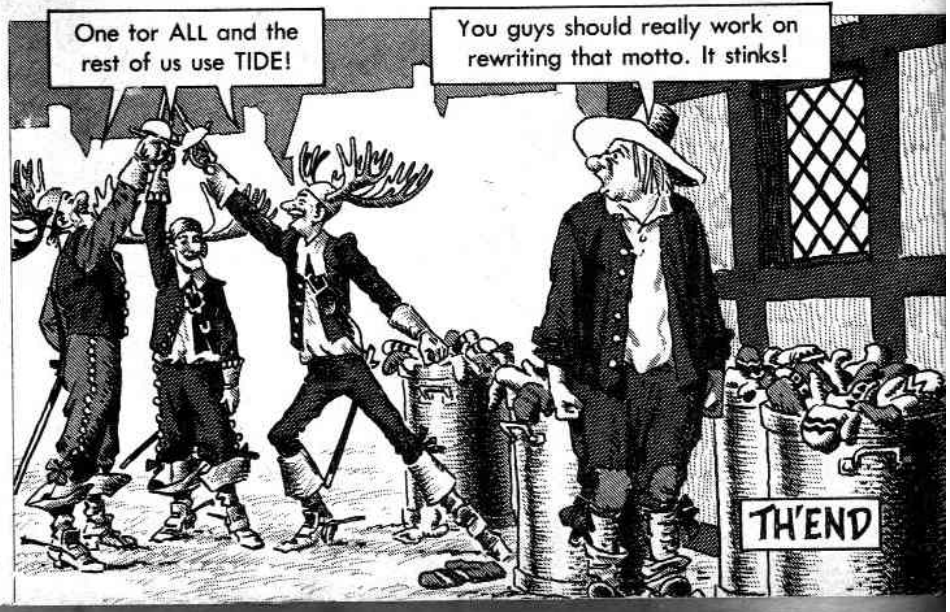






CRACKED is struggling four hours to get the top of the car up, then finding out it's not a convertible!

AND SO, LIFE WENT BACK TO NORMAL IN THE SMALL VILLAGE AND THE PEASANTS COULD ONCE AGAIN AFFORD TO SHOE THEIR HORSES, BUY THEIR FLIES AND CUT THEIR HARES. AND WHAT OF THE MOOSEKATEERS? BEFORE RETURNING TO THEIR SHOPS, THEY COULD BE HEARD CRYING OUT THEIR MOTTO IN VICTORY...



One of the biggest selling items in stores today is the home computer. And the question most asked of salesmen selling these items is "Am I intelligent enough to own and operate one of these machines?" Well, heck, any salesman is going to answer yes because he wants to move his stock off the shelves. But, if you want a more honest response, there's a better way. Simply take

THE CRACKED HOME COMPUTER I.Q. TEST

1) To buy a good home computer, you have to be acquainted with brand names. Do you know which of the 5 companies below does NOT make home computers?
A) Atari B) IBM C) Commodore D) Apple E) Folgers

2) Look at the picture below.

Is this statement ( ) True ( ) False

3) What is hardware?
A) The physical parts of a computer such as a monitor.
B) What Richie Cunningham's father sells.

4) What is software?
A) Things like a word processor and bookkeeping program.
B) A type of contact lens.
C) Fruit Of The Looms laundered without starch.

5) Dig Dug is
A) Ronald Reagan's pet name for Nancy.
B) A home computer game.
C) Both A and B.

6) What is Byte?
A) The present tense of bit.
B) A small city in eastern Poland.
C) What you shouldn't do to your dentist's finger as he probes around in your mouth.

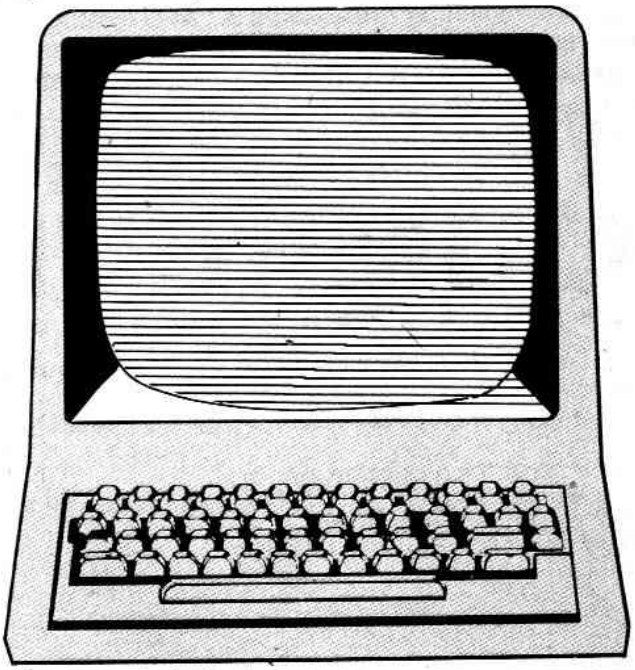
CRACKED IS the sick funeral director who was always coffin.

CRACKED IS thinking you should wash foreign cars with imported water

7) Why is this man angry?

A) These computer salesmen did not tell him about the current rebate offer on the computer he just bought.
B) These computer salesmen are not stocking the video game named after him because his last movie bombed.
C) Everyone thought the "S" on his chest stood for SOFTWARE.

8) Look at this computer monitor. What does it tell you?



A) The computer is tired.
B) The computer is probably not plugged in.
C) The person using it is probably playing the exciting new LOST IN A COAL MINE game.

9) What is a command?
A) Something Hawkeye and BJ never obeyed on MASH.
B) Something you give your dog when you want him to sit, beg or turn on your VCR.

10) If a child knows programming this means
A) He can set up his computer to do anything he wants.
B) He can probably get a job at NBC and come up with great shows like MR. SMITH and MANIMAL.

11) The boy in the center of the picture below is promising his girl 64K. What does this mean?

A) He is going to pay the money he owes her in Norwegian Krunders (equalling 64K).
B) She can expect to find a very big diamond ring on her finger soon.
C) A lot of men wearing white sheets may soon show up outside her house.

12) What is output?
A) What an angry mother tells her son to do with the garbage.
B) What American workers are paid to produce, but don't because they're too busy taking coffee breaks.

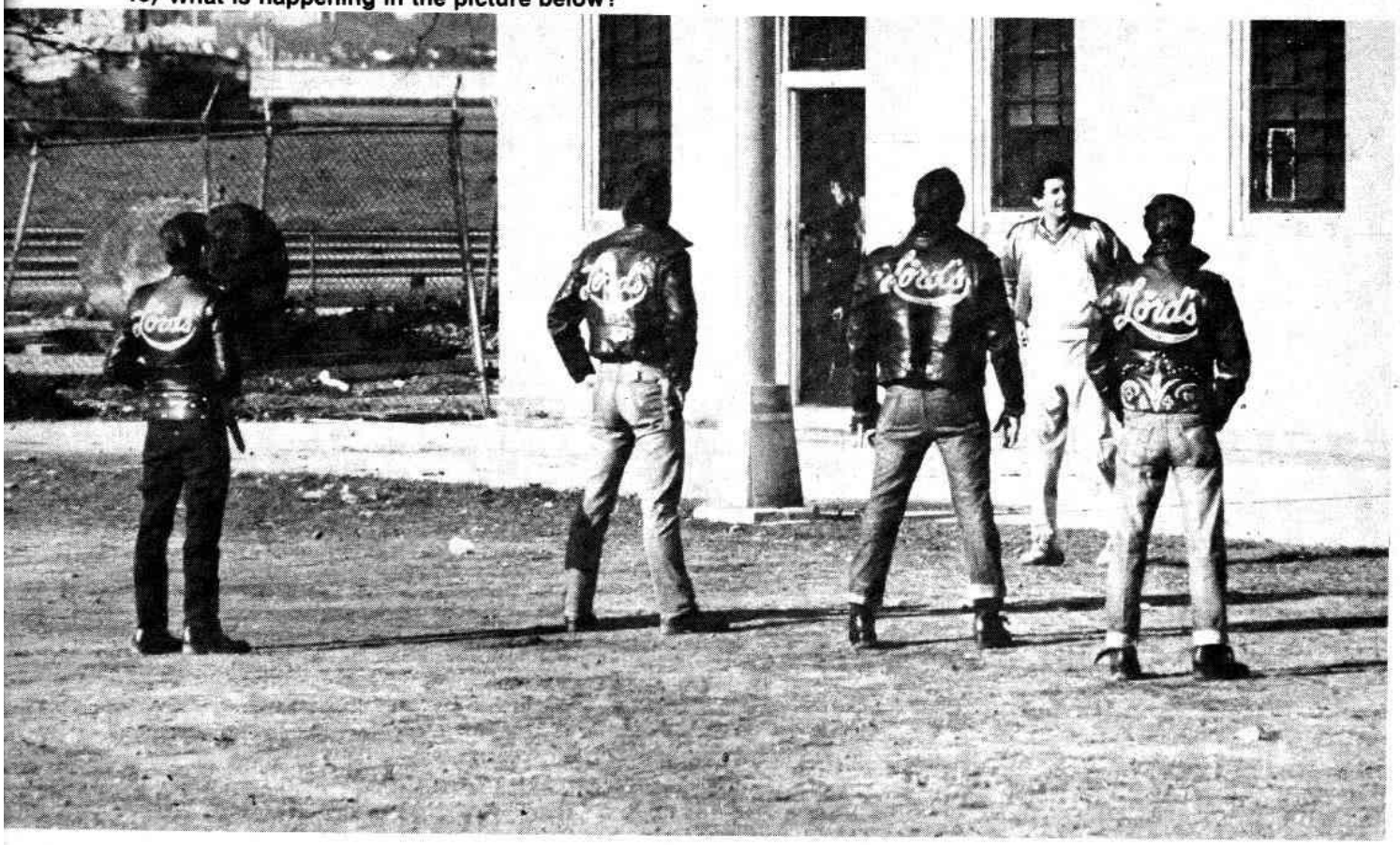
13) If something is "lost" in the computer, this means
A) Your kid brother dropped your mom's keys through the air vents in your monitor again.
B) You probably fell asleep on the "clear" button.

14) Why is this woman looking up?

A) She is asking for divine intervention to show her how to operate her computer.
B) She stupidly mounted her computer monitor on the ceiling.
C) Jane Fonda's Workout is coming over her monitor and this is exercise 15C.

CRACKED IS hearing the announcer say "Hawaii 5-0" and wondering who played on the other team.

15) What is happening in the picture below?



A) It is a computer training class for the new LORDS COMPUTER.
B) It is a computer salesman's seminar teaching these men how to be more aggressive in selling their product.
C) It is a very serious game of Simon Says.

16) What is the boy in the photo below doing?

A) Stealing computer secrets.
B) Operating the next generation of IBM computers for demonstration purposes.
C) None of your business.

17) Define Hard Copy.
A) We asked YOU to define it. Why you looking down here?
B) This won't help you either.
C) Better admit it. You don't know!

18) What is a RAM?
A) The subject of the latest Walt Disney nature movie.
B) A football player from Los Angeles.
C) The initials of that famous Italian actor **Raya Milland**.

19) Here is a hypothetical situation. You have bought a computer worth $5000 for only $1800. You believe you have gotten a bargain until two weeks later the company goes out of business and software for the computer is no longer available. What do you do?
A) Cry.
B) Scream.
C) Try to pedal it off on someone else before they too hear that the computer's manufacturer has gone under.

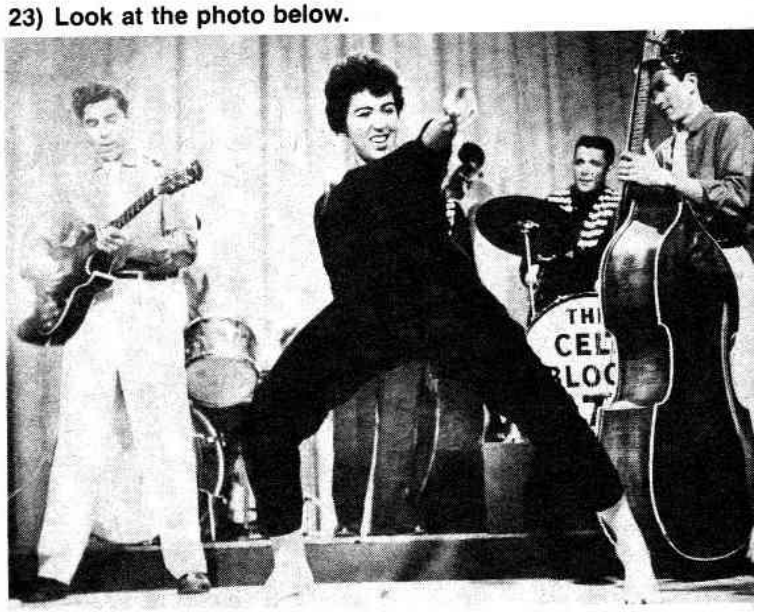
20) If there is a "bug in your system" this means
A) You probably bought surplus equipment leftover from the Nixon administration.
B) You live in a terribly maintained apartment building and should most likely move.

21) What is a CPU?
A) The wrong way of spelling CUP.
B) The person your father goes to on April 15 to do his income tax.

22) Look at the picture below.

A) Very good.
B) Your eyesight is fine.
C) Go on to the next question.

23) Look at the photo below.



This is the proper way to stand in order to turn off the monitor on your computer.
( ) True ( ) False

24) In reading about computers you often come across the word CHIP. Can you tell us what a chip is?
A) What you do to your tooth if you try to open a soda bottle without an opener.
B) The thing you try to win in a heavy-duty poker game.
C) The youngest boy on MY THREE SONS.

25) Mrs. Johnson is just about to pay someone $8000 for a home computer. What one last thing should she ask before she hands over the money?
A) "What is a computer anyway?"
B) "Do you validate parking?"
C) "Do you think I'm a jerk for walking around this neighborhood with this cash in my purse?"

26) If the salesman refuses to demonstrate how a home computer operates
A) Check to see if you are not mistakingly in the carpet department.
B) Use spite and refuse to show him how the portable toaster you have hanging around your neck operates.

27) What is a microcomputer?
A) The thing that operates a microwave oven.
B) A full-grown computer that has been run over by a steam roller.

28) Before plugging in any home computer
A) Take it out of the box first.
B) Have electricity installed in your house.
C) Return it to the store where you bought it and save yourself a lot of headaches.

29) According to studies, which member of your family will most likely NOT use your new home computer?
A) Juanita your Spanish maid.
B) Fluffy your wirehaired poodle.
C) Larry, your brother who got lost in the jungles of the Arctic and has not been heard from since 1943.
D) Anyone who didn't chip in $40 to buy it.

CRACKED IS thinking that a stage coach is a drama teacher.

30) Our last question. Why are you bothering to take this CRACKED test?
A) The introduction of this article told you to and you always listen to introductions.
B) Because, like Mt. Everest, it was there.
C) You actually thought it would help you!!

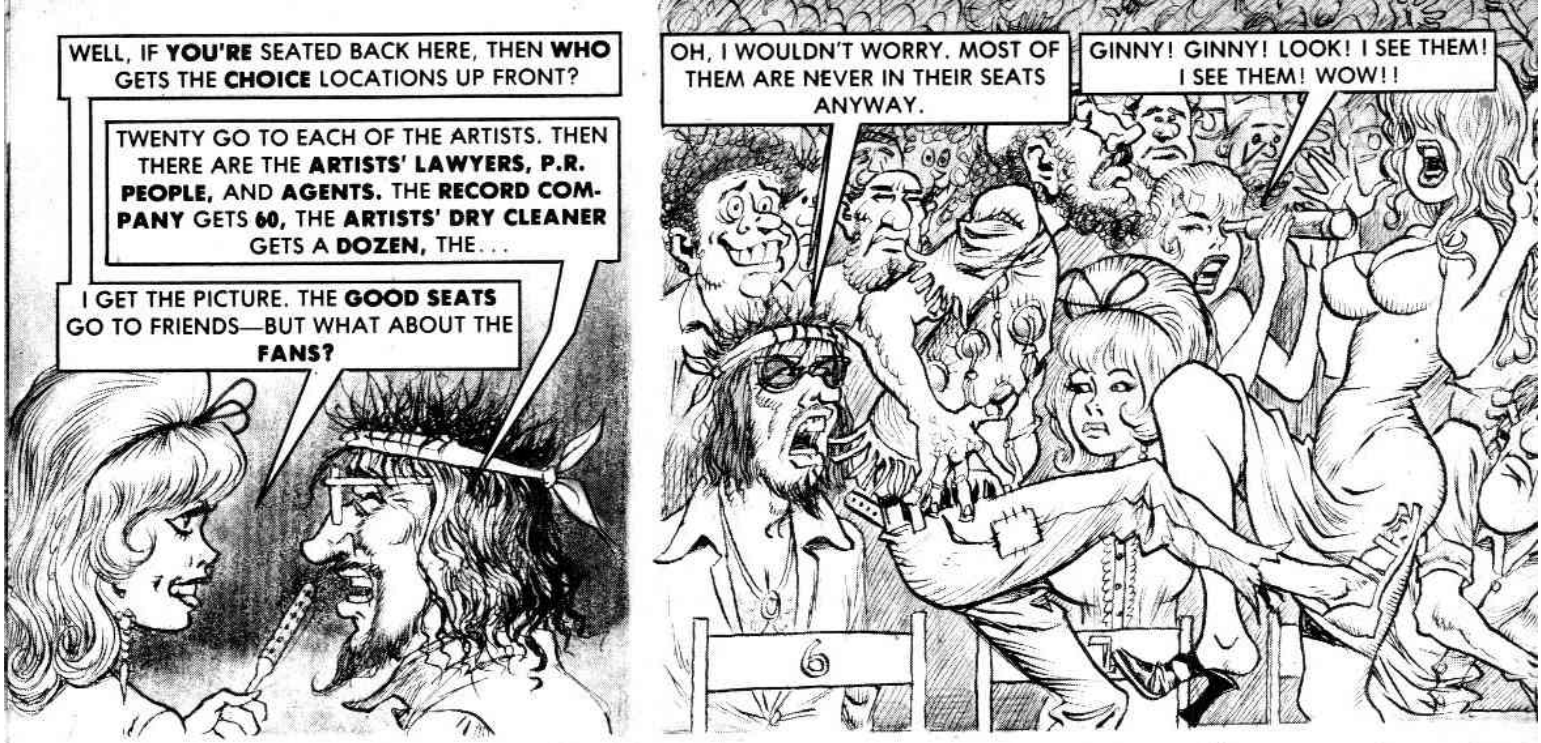
SCORING

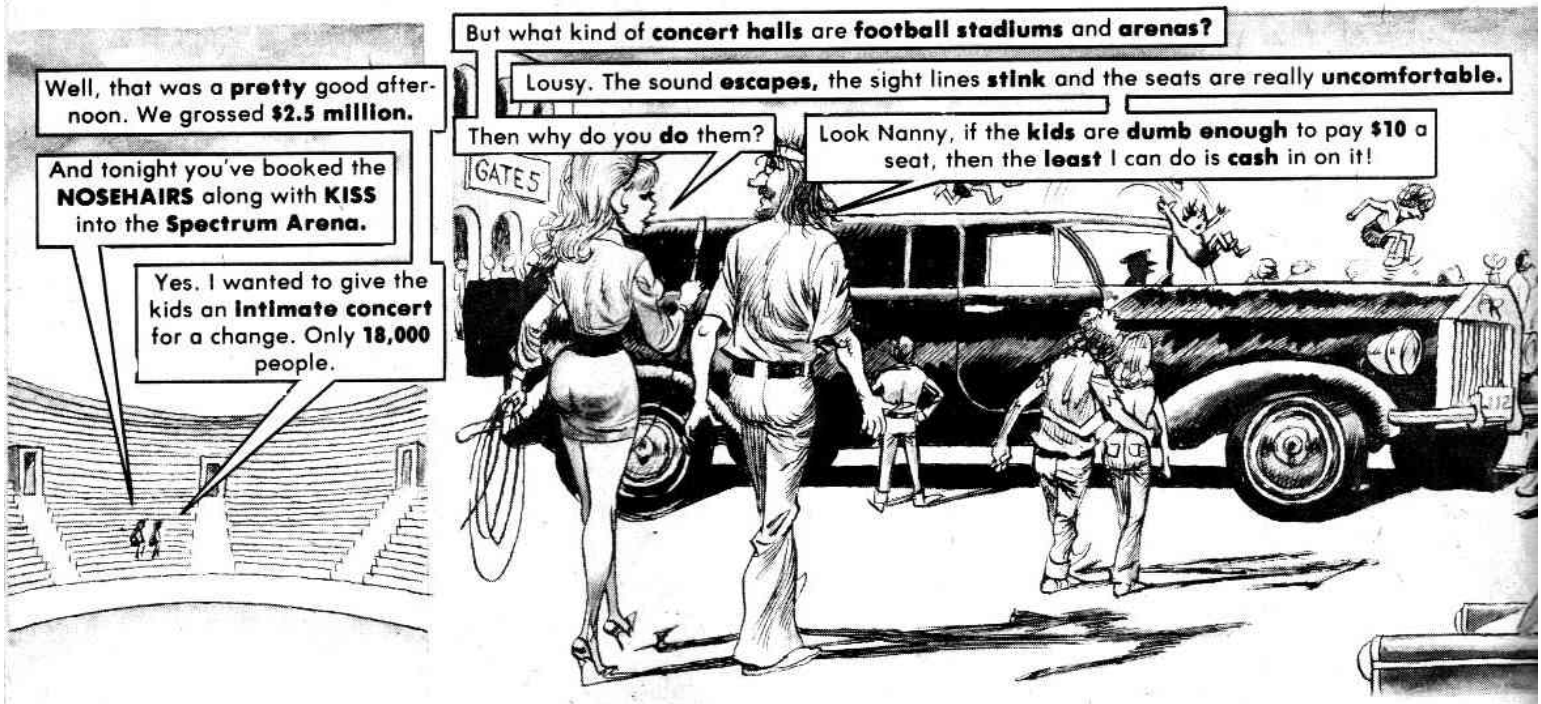
The CRACKED HOME COMPUTER IQ TEST was developed to accurately measure how much you know about this subject. Like the subject itself, figuring out your score is just as difficult.

A) Divide the number of questions answered by 3.
B) Add six points to any question you answered either "F" or "MOE" to.
C) Give yourself 2 points to any odd-numbered questions you read.
D) Add the number of residents from Turkey currently living in your house to your score thus far.
E) Add 3 points if you answered TRUE to question 3.
F) Give yourself 4 points if you changed either your socks, underwear or personality this morning.
G)Subtract 4 points if your middle name is Clarence (5 points if you're a girl).
H) Add 6.
I) Subtract 5.
J) Take two aspirin and go to sleep.

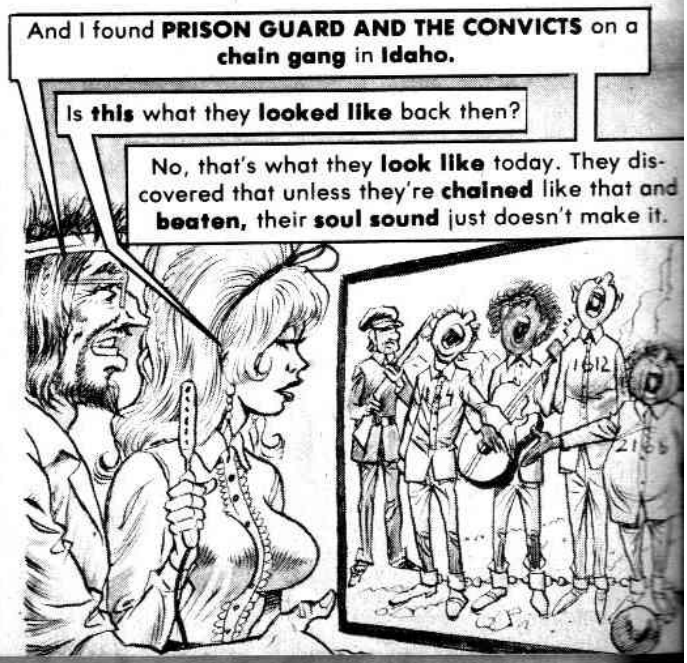
All right all you hip gals and with-it guys. Time now for us to get down and explore a business that's been ignored by us for too long. You guessed it Mama. This month

CRACKED INTERVIEWS THE ROCK 'N' ROLL KING


WELL, IF **YOU'RE** SEATED BACK HERE, THEN **WHO** GETS THE **CHOICE** LOCATIONS UP FRONT?
TWENTY GO TO EACH OF THE ARTISTS. THEN THERE ARE THE **ARTISTS' LAWYERS, P.R. PEOPLE,** AND **AGENTS.** THE **RECORD COMPANY** GETS **60,** THE **ARTISTS' DRY CLEANER** GETS A **DOZEN,** THE...
I GET THE PICTURE. THE **GOOD SEATS** GO TO FRIENDS—BUT WHAT ABOUT THE **FANS?**
OH, I WOULDN'T WORRY. MOST OF THEM ARE NEVER IN THEIR SEATS ANYWAY.
GINNY! GINNY! LOOK! I SEE THEM! I SEE THEM! WOW!!


Well, that was a **pretty** good afternoon. We grossed **$2.5 million.**
And tonight you've booked the **NOSEHAIRS** along with **KISS** into the **Spectrum Arena.**
Yes. I wanted to give the kids an **intimate concert** for a change. Only **18,000** people.
But what kind of **concert halls** are **football stadiums** and **arenas?**
Lousy. The sound **escapes,** the sight lines **stink** and the seats are really **uncomfortable.**
Then why do you **do** them?
Look Nanny, if the **kids** are **dumb enough** to pay **$10** a seat, then the **least** I can do is **cash** in on it!
GATE 5

How do you go about **discovering** new talent?
I **look** everywhere. I leave **no stone unturned.** In fact, **that's** where I found **Ricky Rotten**—**living** under an **unturned** stone.
RICKY ROTTEN


And I found **PRISON GUARD AND THE CONVICTS** on a **chain gang** in **Idaho.**
Is **this** what they **looked like** back then?
No, that's what they **look like** today. They discovered that unless they're **chained** like that and **beaten,** their **soul sound** just doesn't make it.

Here we are.
You didn't tell me we were **stopping off** to visit **royalty.**
Nanny, quit joking. This is my **summer bungalow.** I'm having a **little barbeque out back** today . . . come on.
Mr. Grahamcracker, isn't that the **lead singer** of **KISS?**
Yeah. I **invited** him to this **barbeque** for **two reasons.** One was to **thank him** for the **concert** he's doing for me tonight.
And the other?
I needed someone to **start** the grill.
And over there—my gosh! It's **Dicky Deadbeat,** lead singer of the **Goiders.**
Mr. **Deadbeat** . . . **Nanny Dickering** of **CRACKED Magazine.** Could you tell me why . . .
I'm sorry, man, but if you wanna **lay a question** on **Dicky,** you gotta **submit it** to his **P.R. people** and then he'll be **glad** to answer you.
Sure.
It certainly is **hard** to talk to **Dicky Deadbeat.**
Well, you see Nanny, a lot of **rock stars** are **not** exactly the **most intelligent** people around and they sort of **need help** in **phrasing** the more **difficult** things they wanna say.
Hello. So . . . glad . . . to neat . . .
Meet.
Meet you.

Come on **In** here. This is where my right hand man works, **booking shows** for us—Mr. **Bull Hahn.**
WE REPRESENT IZZY ITCH AND THE SCRATCHERS
Hello, Mr. Hahn.
Sorry lady—**no free tickets!**
No, Mr. Hahn. I want to **talk** to you about **concerts.** Is it **true** that **artists** are getting **more** than **ever?**
Well, we're able to get our acts **top money** because they're playing **bigger** and **bigger** halls. For example, **THE DOPEY BROTHERS** are getting **$26 million for one concert** tomorrow night.
$26 million? Where are they **playing?**
Rhode Island.
No, I meant the **name** of the **hall.**
Rhode Island! They're gonna be on a **platform** in the **middle** of the **state** and we're selling **tickets** to **seats** on **building tops, smoke stacks, bridges**...you won't be able to get into the **state** tomorrow **without** a **ticket.**
R.I.
Besides **managing 27 acts** and **promoting 178 concerts** a year, you **also** own a **record company?**
Yeah—**Slipped Discs Incorporated.** That's the **other wing** of the **bungalow.**
SLIPPED DISKS INC.
What kind of **records** do you **produce?**
Round ones.
No, I meant the **type** of **music.**
But what about **classical?** Doesn't that bring **prestige** to a label?
Rock, of course.
RECORDING STUDIO
SMOOCH- THE HOTTEST GROUP SINCE KISS
MOUTH AND THE ADENOIDS
Prestige, yes. **Bucks,** no—and if you can't **fold it** or put it into a **bank,** then I don't want it.
Mr. **Grahamcracker,** isn't that **Shaun Cassidy** over there?
Yeah, he's recording a **single** for us—**Love Theme From The Green Slime.**
He **is** popular. Just **look** at those **adoring fans** surrounding him.
Oh, those **aren't fans.** Those are **security guards**—so that his **adoring fans don't** surround him.
My **niece** loves him!
Really...**here.** Give her one of **Shaun's eyelashes** as a **souvenir.**
My gosh, she'll go simply **crackers** over this. Why she'll...wait a second. Are **all** those **lashes** in that box **Shaun's?**
Actually, they're **camel hairs.** If **Shaun** gave a **lash** to **every girl** who wanted one, he'd have **nothing** to **bat** during his **concerts.**
CASSIDY'S

Oops...6:30. We gotta get over to another one of my shows...we'd better take this.
You OWN a helicopter!!!
Doesn't CRACKED provide you with air transportation when you're on assignment?
Oh yeah. They give me two pieces of fly paper.
KING BILL GRAHMCRACKER
Mr. Grahamcracker, here are the contracts for tonight's show.
I imagine you must have some pretty detailed ones with these artists.
Indeed. For example, it's written in here that the NOSEDROPS won't get paid their 12 million for the night unless they do a solid 8 minutes on stage.
8 minutes?!
I know it's a lot, but they are headliners!
Do the acts demand anything of you in return.
BACK STAGE
Oh yeah. HUNK wanted a pony ride set up backstage, a swimming pool erected in each of their 17 dressing rooms and 37 pizzas to nibble on before the show.
And did you give in?
Not on your life! I only gave them 36 pizzas. After all, this is a business and we do have to watch our costs.
PONY RIDE
PONY RIDE
Well, look Nanny. I gotta go. There's a new act in Iran I want to catch at 8:30 and my SST is waiting out back.
You own an SST?
Doesn't CRACKED?
No, but we do own a lot of DDT—and if you ever saw our offices you'd know why.
Wanna come along, Nanny?
No. We're just about out of space. And besides, I have something else I wanna do.
O.K., well, see you around.
And this is Nanny Dickering saying see you next month—unless, of course, I'm booked into the Astrodome by then...Now, let's see. I wonder what those funny marks on those five lines mean?
LESSON #1

SHUT-UPS

Hey Al! Hurry-up in there, you're missing a great show.

SHUT-UP! You moron and pack up that TV set, so we can get outa here!

Watch out! You almost hit that car.

SHUT-UP Gail! I'm supposed to hit those other cars!
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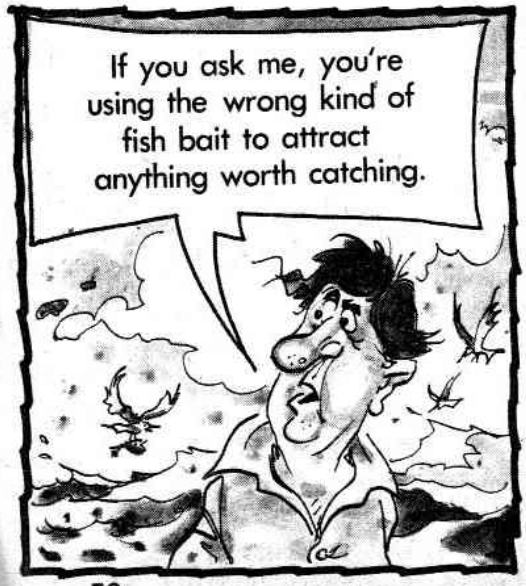
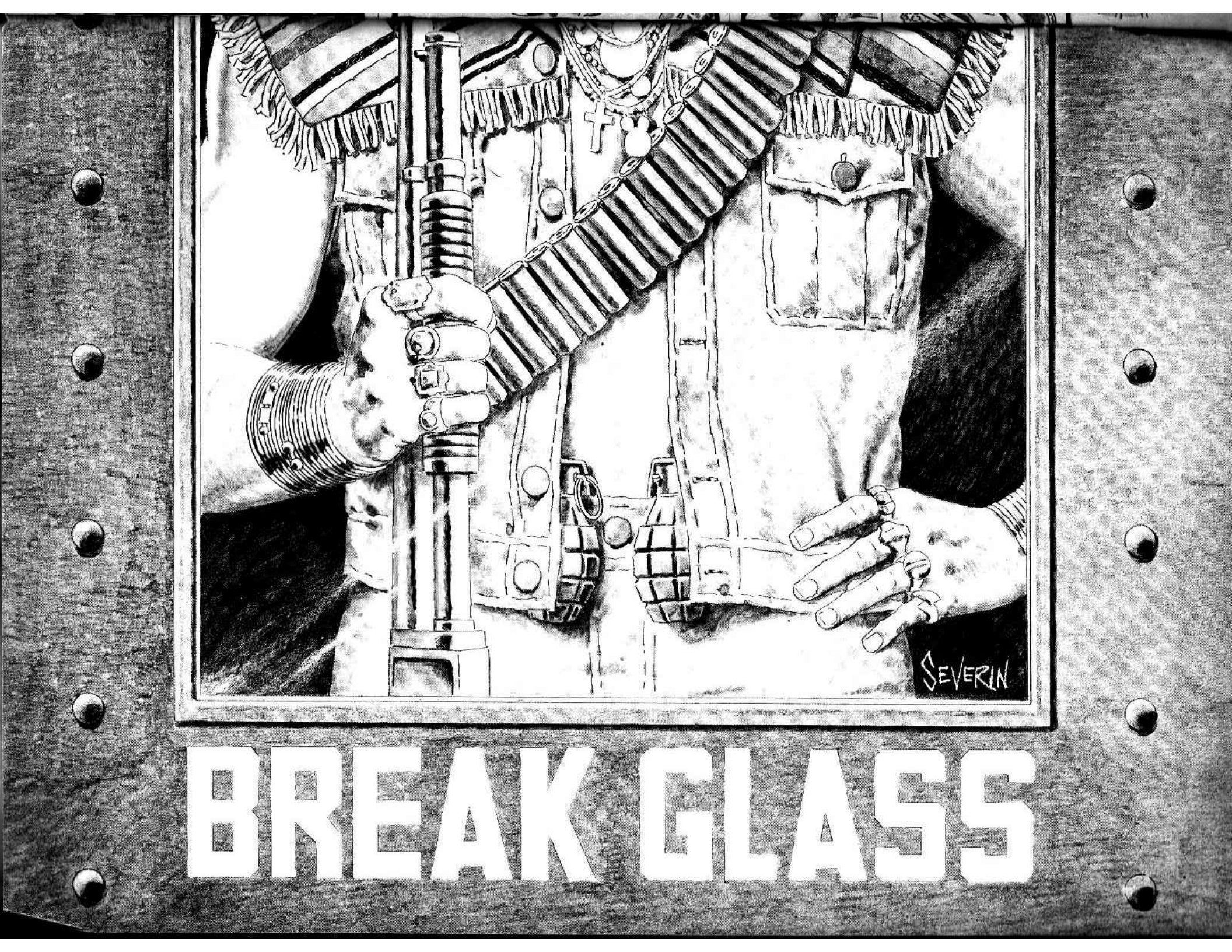

If you ask me, you're using the wrong kind of fish bait to attract anything worth catching.

SHUT-UP!, and walk the plank!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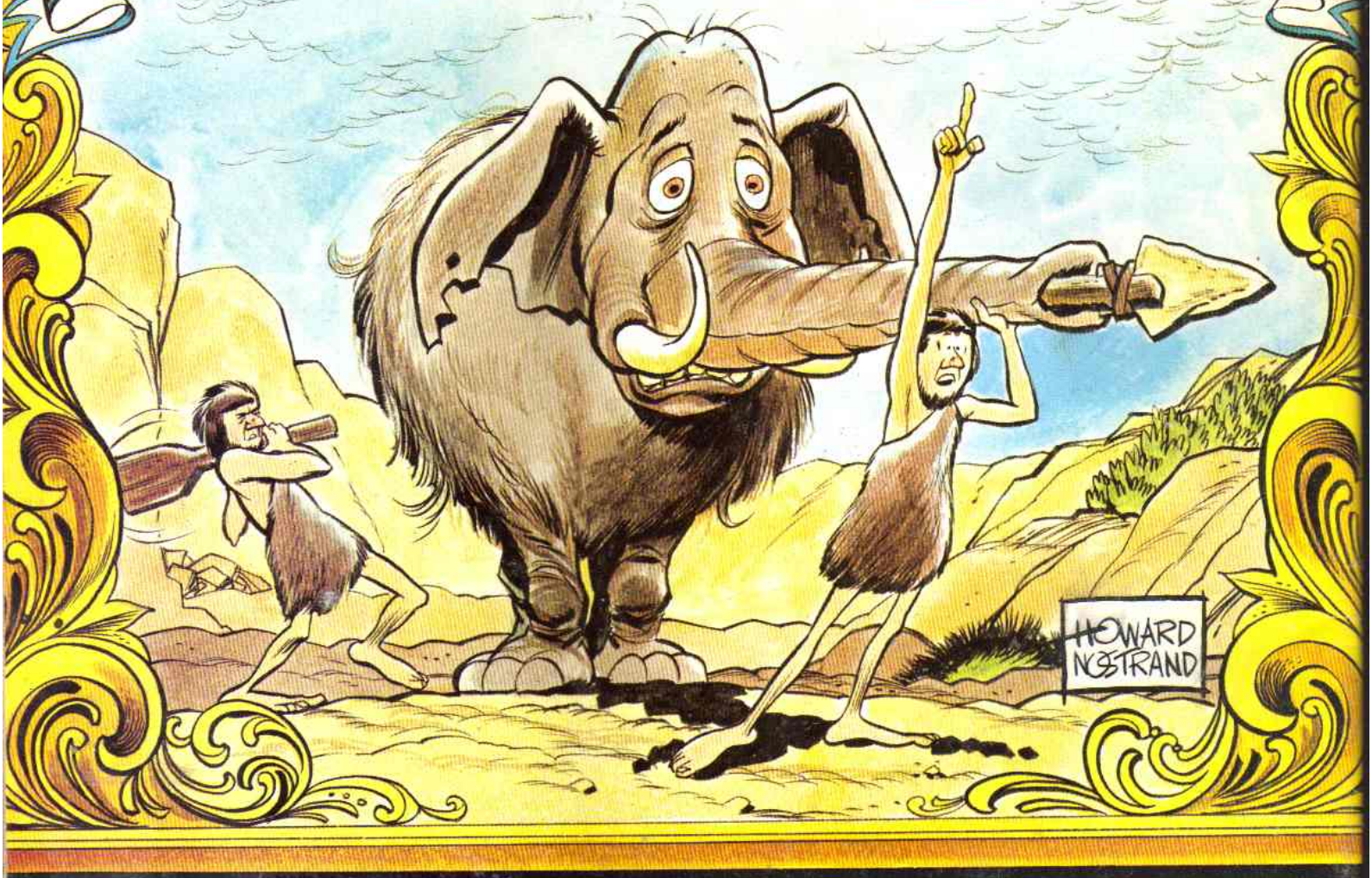

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